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Baptist Hospital Expects Greatest Mother's Day Offering in History

By J. T. GRANTHAM,
Executive Assistant
Baptist Hospital

Mother's Day, May 14 is by far the most crucial Mother's Day that our hospital has ever faced! Spiraling high costs and the extremely competitive nature of other hospitals, some being Catholic hospitals, participating in federal and state funds are affecting seriously the ability of the hospital to minister to the needy sick without a real and substantial helping hand from our 350,000 Baptist friends.

The seriousness of the present situation in which our hospital finds itself is pointed up unmistakably by actual facts and figures. In addition to the \$62,064.19 of intentional free work last year another \$40,580.07 had to be charged off because of patients who were admitted as pay patients but on discharge were unable to pay. This is an outlay of \$102,644.26 free work for last year against \$11,256.57 total amount received from both Mother's Day offerings and the Co-operative Program.

With the sick and needy coming to our hospital in increasingly larger and larger numbers for help it goes without saying that only Mississippi Baptists can say to what extent mercy in the blessed name of Christ will be extended or limited.

Our hospital leaders are receiving encouragement on every hand that great numbers of our pastors and people are sensing the seriousness of the present hour in our ministry of Christian Healing. Our hospital Superintendent and others in places

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An Approach To The State Mission Work

By REV. CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

As we try to visualize a state mission program for Baptist Convention, we immediately recognize that our work is to reach every church with our full program. This is to say that we believe that every church regardless of its size is an important church. We believe that all of our work is important for all of our people, and so it is our desire to share with every church and therefore, every man, woman, boy, and girl, all that we, as Baptists, have in the way of encouragement, stimulation, and spiritual advancement. We see, therefore, that it is necessary to reach all of our churches with all of our organized life and promotion if we are going to reach all of our people in just the way that we desire.

Obviously, it is utterly an impossibility to seek to send out enough workers from a State Convention Board to do all the work necessary in all the churches of our convention. Even if we had that many workers available, it would be a very unwise way to spend convention money. We recognize, also, that it would be a very unwise procedure from the standpoint that local workers would not be called out and developed in the work. Realizing, therefore, the impossibility to send out the workers and the fact, also, that it is unnecessary

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Claude Cross To Bring Baccalaureate Address At Clarke College Commencement



CLAUDE CROSS

Claude Cross of Boston, Massachusetts, internationally known attorney, will bring the Baccalaureate and Alumni addresses at Clarke Memorial College, Newton, at 11 a. m. on June 1, to the second largest graduating class in the history of the school. He will also speak at 12:30 at the annual Alumni Luncheon in the college dining hall.

Mr. Cross is a native of West Enterprise, Mississippi. He was a member of the first graduating class at Clarke Memorial College in 1911; received an A. B. degree from the University of Missouri in 1914; and A. M. in government from Harvard in 1915; and an L. L. D. from the Harvard Law School.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS REJECT FEDERAL FUNDS

Special Convention Vote Is 2902 to 128

J. H. Street To Speak
On Miss. Radio Hour



REV. J. H. STREET

Rev. J. H. Street, pastor of the Second Avenue Church, Laurel, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour for the month of May.

He will be heard over the following stations: at 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picayune; at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson, and at 9 a. m. over WLOX, Biloxi and WROB, West Point.

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State Workers Give Welcome Party For Secretary Quarles

Jackson Baptists, many of other denominations and several delegations from other sections of Mississippi crowded the Baptist Building last Friday night to welcome Rev. Chester Quarles as Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The occasion was an open house reception given by the Baptist Building staff for the new secretary and his wife. Upon entering the Baptist Building guests were received by Dr. M. C. Williams, State Sunday School secretary and introduced to Secretary Quarles, who headed the receiving line. Others in the line were: Mrs. Quarles; Dr. W. P. Davis, Associate Executive Secretary; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Secretary of Rural Evangelism; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor of the Baptist Record; Charles W. Hornes, Baptist Student Union Secretary; J. E. Lane, Treasurer of the Convention

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Raleigh, N. C.—(BP)—North Carolina Baptists will not use federal funds to build a wing on their Winston-Salem hospital. A special convention, meeting here April 27, voted 2902 to 128 to instruct the Hospital Board to return federal funds already in hand to the U. S. government.

The action followed a recommendation of a large committee of leaders that was presented by Dr. Casper Warren of Charlotte, N. C. The recommendation also included provisions for the needed money to be raised by the Baptists of North Carolina. Special offerings are to be taken on the last Sundays of June and September. Provision was made for the convention to borrow any unraised needed balance.

The Hospital Board has in hand \$608,000 in non-governmental funds and the state has in hand \$225,000 earmarked for hospital construction. This leaves a total of \$668,000 of the needed \$1,500,000 to be raised in the special offerings. Dr. M. A. Huggins, state secretary, spoke in favor of the committee's recommendations.

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Supreme Court Rules State Aid To Church Hospitals Is Legal

Justices Lee And Hall Say Grant Would Be A Donation

TWO CATHOLIC HOSPITALS AND ONE LUTHERAN PLAN TO APPLY FOR STATE AID

Another breach in the wall separating church and state in Mississippi was made on Monday, April 24 when the State Supreme Court by a divided decision ruled that non-profit sectarian hospitals are eligible for grants under the state's hospital construction program.

(See page four for editorial comment on this decision.)

In a divided opinion, the court ruled that the state auditor must honor a warrant paying an architect's fee for work done for the Mercy Hospital—Street Memorial at Vicksburg. It was part of a \$214,000 grant made the Catholic-operated institution by the state commission on hospital care.

Auditor Carl N. Craig had refused to pay the warrant, claiming the grant was unconstitutional.

In handing down the decision the court settled the question of whether denominational hospitals may take

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STATE WORKERS GIVE

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Board; Rev. J. B. Parker, Secretary of Institutional Work; Mrs. Baxter Pridgen, Head Bookkeeper; W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary; Miss Edwina Robinson, WMU Secretary; and A. J. Wilds, Training Union Secretary.

The guests were invited into the bookkeeping department where punch and cookies were served. Presiding at the punch bowls were the wives of the department heads: Mrs. W. P. Davis, Mrs. M. J. Gilbert, Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, Mrs. Charles W. Horner, Mrs. J. E. Lane, Mrs. J. B. Parker, Mrs. W. R. Roberts and Mrs. E. C. Williams.

Baptist Building workers were on duty in their various departments and showed the visitors through the building and explained the work of the various divisions.

The building was beautifully decorated with flowers, many of which were sent by friends and well-wishers of the new secretary.

Miss Hazel Chisholm, at the organ, and Miss Virginia Hoogenakker, with her violin furnished special music in the chapel throughout the evening.

The general committee in charge of plans for the reception was composed of: Miss Edwina Robinson, chairman; Dr. E. C. Williams, Mrs. Baxter Pridgen and J. E. Lane. Sub-committees were appointed to carry out the various details.

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SUPREME COURT RULES

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part in the state's multi-million dollar hospital construction program.

Plans for a \$3,000,000 Catholic hospital program in Jackson have been held up pending the decision. There are six such hospitals in the state, three operated by Protestant faiths, three by Catholics.

In his 34 page majority opinion, Chief Justice Harvey McGehee ruled that "administering to the sick is not sectarian. It is done by both government and sectarian agencies."

The court noted that the Vicksburg institution had amended its corporation charter to become a non-profit organization and ruled that such aid would not be a "donation or gratuity" both of which are prohibited by the constitution.

Mercy Hospital, the opinion went on, provides services to anyone without consideration of denomination or creed and sets aside 10 per cent of its beds for charity patients.

In a 31-page dissenting opinion Justices Percy Lee and Lee Hall argued that the Vicksburg hospital is not a non-profit institution and that the grant would be a donation to be used for sectarian purposes.

In support of his ruling, however, Justice McGehee said that while the constitution bans donations or gratuities, it does not say there shall be "no appropriations, no public funds or no grants."

Justice Hall said he was "risking an accusation of intolerance and bigotry" in disagreeing with the majority.

"I would prefer that the applicant be the Baptist hospital to which faith I adhere, so that my views of the question before us would not be misinterpreted," he said.

Hall said that religious liberty "is no idle catchword" and contended that the majority opinion that hos-

pital is a private institution instead of a sectarian one was wrong.

"The hospital is decorated with religious property and there is a crucifix on display in every room, including those rooms to which charity patients are and will be admitted," he wrote. "The crucifix is generally recognized as an emblem of the Roman Catholic church and a symbol of its faith."

"The fact remains undisputed," he continued, "that the Sisters of Mercy is a religious institution composed of the members of one sect and pledged and devoted to furthering the principles of that sect under the complete and absolute control and domination of the leader of that sect."

Hall also wanted to know how the hospital could guarantee to meet state requirements for a minimum of 20 years when "the hospital's charter expires within three years."

Justice McGehee's opinion pointed out that, should the hospital revert to a profit corporation within the 20 years, the commission of hospital care could secure a lien on its profits until the grants had been repaid.

At least three church supported hospitals in the state are taking advantage of the court's ruling.

They are the proposed Memorial (Catholic) Hospital to be constructed in Jackson; the new Street Memorial-Mercy Hospital, (Catholic), Vicksburg and the proposed new Lutheran Hospital, also at Vicksburg.

State Auditor Carl N. Craig said Friday that he has not yet released hospital construction funds to the Street-Sisters of Mercy Hospital in Vicksburg.

The attorney general's office has 15 days in which to file a suggestion of error.



Shown above is the receiving line at the reception given at the Baptist Building on April 28 honoring Secretary and Mrs. Chester Quarles. They are right to left: Dr. E. C. Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Chester Quarles, Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Charles Horner, J. E. Lane, Rev. James B. Parker, Mrs. Baxter Pridgen, Miss Edwina Robinson, Mr. W. R. Roberts, and Auber J. Wilds.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL EXPECTS

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of leadership are daring to believe that God is going to bless our healing ministry with the greatest Mother's Day offering in Mississippi's Baptist history.

Every church and every member of every church is urged to go all out on Mother's Day, May 14th, to show the world in terms of not less than \$50,000 that Mississippi Baptists believe 100% in the glorious ministry of Christian healing.

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HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

MAY 7, 1950

Speaker: Dr. Duke K. McCall.

Subject: "Getting Along With People."

Stations: WGCM, Gulfport; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WLAU, Laurel; WMBC, Macon; WTOK, Meridian.

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GLADING STUDY COURSE ENROLLS FORTY-TWO

Glading Church in Amite county had a study course April 17-20 in which 42 awards were granted.

The pastor, Rev. Glenn Smith taught the adults and young people, "The Growing Christian". Mrs. Smith taught the juniors. Mrs. Jewell Anderson was the story hour leader.

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IN HIS LATEST VOLUME, AUTHOR Harold Petroelje presents his views that the church of today is too occupied with mundane matters and not enough with celestial. It is entitled "Of Another World" (\$2.50). Although Mr. Petroelje is a minister of the Christian Reformed Church, his timely suggestions can easily apply to all churches of today, as well as individual consecration. Order from the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

50, 40 AND 25 YEARS AGO

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
50 YEARS AGO

Missionary J. G. Chastain writes from his field in Mexico, and among many other good things, says: "A dozen newspapers came to my table every week but none is appreciated more than *The Baptist Record*."

A good meeting of days closed with First Church, Vicksburg, with ten for baptism; Pastor H. F. Sproles being assisted by Rev. W. A. McComb.

40 YEARS AGO

The Kosciusko Church increased their Foreign Mission offering almost 100 per cent, from \$282 to \$500 over the previous year, Rev. W. A. Roper, pastor.

Pastor H. C. Joiner of Wiggins reports 66 having been added to the church during a recent revival in which Rev. H. R. Holcomb of McComb Church assisted.

Pastor W. A. Hewitt of Columbus First Church tells of the "gracious meeting" at Lafayette, La., with pastor J. I. Kendrick where "to be a Baptist means almost a disgrace." Yet, ten were received for baptism, four of them Catholics.

The editor acknowledges receipt of invitation to attend the marriage of Rev. S. P. Morris and Miss Florence Fowler Bowen in the Baptist Church, Handsboro, Miss.

25 YEARS AGO

Pastor H. W. Shirley of the First Church, Philadelphia, reports 29 having joined the church in a recent revival, 19 for baptism. Rev. J. F. Measells, preacher, M. E. Perry, singer.

Forty-one were added to the church in a revival meeting in the First Church, Grenada, 27 for baptism, in which Rev. H. L. Martin assisted Pastor W. E. Farr. The Mississippi Quartet of the New Orleans Seminary (B. B. I.) directed the singing.

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sary to do so, we naturally conclude that of the work is done in an adequate way, we must organize every association completely.

The Necessity of Organization

With all of my heart, I believe in organization. Some time ago I heard a man make a speech and he was very forceful in his statement that we needed "more agonizing and less organizing." Certainly, I agree with the brother that we need to agonize in prayer more than we do. We need to take to the throne of grace all the interests of our hearts continuously. I would not give any disparaging word to prayer, but I will not agree with the brother if he desires to emphasize that we do not need organization. Every time I have had anything on my heart that was a real spiritual burden and I went to the Lord to pray about it, I immediately wanted to rise up from my knees after prayer and draw unto myself others who would share with me in my concern and share with me in my desire to do something about the work. That is organization. The more we agonize over the need, the more we need to organize to do something about the need. The utilization of human personality and human ability is a part of God's plan to do His work.

Every Association Fully Organized

I am dreaming a dream of every association in Mississippi being completely organized for the full task of the Mississippi Baptist work. I see in my dream every moderator with a great desire to see all of the Baptist program promoted in and functioning in every church within his particular association. I dream of the Executive Committee (some associations use other terminology, such as Association Board or Administration Committee) fully aware of its full responsibility in carrying the work out to every church in the association. I see the association completely organized for Sunday School work and for Training Union work, and for WMU work, and for Brotherhood work. Each association, I feel, should have a designated chairman of evangelism and chairman of temperance work, an in-

1950-51 BSU Officers Installed At Annual MWC Banquet



Shown above are those who have been elected to serve as officers of the Baptist Student Union at Woman's College for the year 1950-51. Standing left to right are: Clara Sellers, Sunday School representative, Hattiesburg; Patricia Collins, publicity, Bude; Laynette Long, YWA representative, Meridian; Fredell Lowrey, Extension chairman, Peoria; Jeanette Bilbo, Pianist, Sumrall; Joan Henderson, third vice-president Jackson; June McKay, Chorister, Pascagoula; Betty Hart, Methodist representative, Sandy Hook. Seated left to right are: Hilda Barber, librarian, Carriere; Marian Graham, treasurer, Decatur; Christine Powell, Training Union representative, Laurel; Ruby Whitfield, Magazine representative and editor of BSU paper, Picayune; Betty Jo Shields, President, Hattiesburg; Miss Kathleen Taylor, BSU Secretary; Janet Campbell, Secretary, Pachuta; Joann Weaver, Talent Chairman, Hattiesburg; Naomi Clifton, 1st vice-president, Prichard, Ala. Not shown on the picture—Annie Vera Oden, 2nd vice-president, Hattiesburg.

dividual definitely assigned to the responsibility of promoting the Co-operative Program, and another to represent the Baptist Record in every church in the association. These responsibilities and others that could be named should be constantly promoted in the churches all over our state.

If an association were organized for the full task, then these various objects could be promoted in all the mass meetings of the association as well as the annual associational meeting. These official representatives of the various parts of our work could circularize the pastors and various organizational representatives during the course of the year. Much good can be done if the association becomes fully organized and then becomes a functioning organization.

Our Present Status

According to the information given to me by the heads of the various departments of our Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, I find that the record is as follows:

Department	Number of Associations	Associations Completely Org	Assoc. Partly Organized	Unorganized
Sunday School	72	6	66	0
Training Union	72	33	34	5
W. M. U.	72	70	1	1
Brotherhood	72	33	12	27

Moderator's Responsibility

I have had the opportunity of being the moderator in two Baptist associations in two different states. During these years of service, there have crystalized some definite convictions as to the place of the moderator in the full light and work of an association. We all recognize that formerly the moderator had only the responsibility of presiding at the annual associational meeting. Such an idea is antiquated, and should not be held in this modern day. I like to visualize the moderator of an association much in the same way as I visualize the pastor in a church. The pastor of a church is concerned about every part of the life and work of his

organizations, and I feel that the moderator should be sympathetic and concerned about all the various work of the association. That is to say, he is to give his help, his assistance, and his counsel to the workers of the Sunday School, the Training Union, the Brotherhood, the WMU and all other phases of the organized life. His is not to carry on the full responsibility by himself, but even as the pastor counsels with the workers of his various organizations, so the moderator should do it in the associational work.

Meetings

Baptists believe in meetings. Baptists love to go to meetings. Baptists do go to meetings. Sometimes Baptist workers, in promotional fields, are

criticized for promoting too many meetings, but nevertheless, we understand that the work of our denomination has gone forward on the feet of well-planned and well carried out meetings. The inspiration of a good Baptist meeting is incalculable, dynamic, and indispensable.

It follows, however, that those places of promotional responsibility should so schedule meetings that there will be no overlapping or any wasted energy or time in the carrying on of the Baptist work. It is hoped that in the near future that our Baptist forces in Mississippi can so get together that we will be able to present to our brethren and friends in Christ a "Mississippi Plan" of meetings and promotional effort. If a definite time each quarter were understood to be the meeting time and the promotional opportunity of a given phase of our denominational work, great good would be done. It is hoped by this new Executive Secretary that such plan can be worked out here in our great state.

Meetings Must Be Significant

There is no point in having a meeting unless that meeting does some good. If the meeting is poorly planned, if it is poorly attended, if there is a lack of spirit and enthusiasm, then the meeting has not done any good. Carefully and prayerfully should the leaders of any part of our work make plans for the meetings. They should be well publicized. They should be enthusiastically promoted from the pulpits of the various churches. Meetings can be well planned and they can be well promoted, and when they are, great good is done for the total cause. It takes work, work, work, but the work is to much avail when it is properly done.

The Last Church

For many years now in the Southern Baptist Convention, we have been talking about "the last church." We mean, of course, that church which is

not yet fully organized in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and W. M. U. Work. We mean the uncooperating church. We mean the little weak church that is undeveloped. We believe, of course, in the value and worth of every church and we want to reach this "last church."

To do this we must have a comprehensive extension program. The various organizations of the associational work must be constantly going to those weak churches to stimulate, organize and help in every way possible. Churches without Sunday Schools should be aided in their organizational and promotional plans. Churches without Training Unions, Brotherhoods, and Woman's Missionary Unions should be given every possible assistance in helping the people to get started off in the work and then to help them follow through on a constructive program. Many challenging and thrilling stories could be told of the work done in some of these churches which have been reached through associational organizations which are really functioning.

Challenge of This Program

The immediate challenge to one's imagination and heart of such a program is the accomplishment of a great task. It is easy to see that much could be accomplished through the tremendous impact that so many workers, enlisted, trained and working could render in various associations. Another challenge, of course, is to be found in the recognition of the tremendous strength of the vast army of volunteer workers which would be continuously working at the job in our State Convention. These workers would be informed of the Baptist cause. Their interest in the full work of Baptists, and Baptists, thereby would better be able to reach all the world for Christ. What a challenge! What a program! Brethren, let's do it!

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Some Problems For The SB Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention is scheduled to begin in Chicago on Tuesday evening May 9. As always, there will be many problems coming to the attention of the messengers of the convention. As the numbers and territory of the Southern Baptist Convention have increased so have the problems.

We have no desire to try to dictate to Southern Baptists but we do feel it our duty to call attention to some important matters that will come before the convention at Chicago.

While we send messengers to the convention and these have no authority to bind churches by their action, it is true that the Convention has become a powerful organization and has assumed some authority. It is not unusual to read of the acts of the Convention rather than of its recommendations to the churches.

While the attendance is expected to be large, probably the largest in convention history, yet many will not be present. If the attendance reaches 15,000 that would represent less than one out of 400. Those who go as well as those who cannot go should be thinking about the problems that will confront the Convention.

Members of the Convention look forward eagerly to reports of three special committees: The Committee to Discuss Common Problems with Northern Baptists; Committee on Church Organizations and the Committee to Study Field of Theological Education.

The last named committee is expected to recommend Wake Forest College as the site of a new eastern seminary.

Another question that will prob-

ably be considered is the site of the 1951 Convention. It was voted in Oklahoma City last year to go to San Francisco. Since that time there has been much discussion about the distance and expense involved. Many wish to reconsider the Oklahoma City action and select another more central location. Whether they will be in the majority is not known.

Because the attendance at the Convention has become so large, making it difficult to find a city capable of taking care of the meeting, there is some sentiment for cutting the number of messengers allowed the larger churches from ten to five with the smaller churches reduced in proportion. Some are also advocating reserving the main floor of the auditorium for messengers only. This would mean that all who are not elected messengers would sit in the balconies. The Woman's Missionary Union has used this plan for years and finds it satisfactory.

Let all of us begin now to pray for the Convention and for the messengers who will have to make the decisions on whatever problems come before it.

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Church And State Separation Breached

Slowly, stone by stone, the walls separating church and state are being torn down. This is true of the nation and now is true of Mississippi. Last week the Supreme Court handed down a decision affirming the legality of a grant of \$214,000 to Mercy Hospital-Street Memorial (Catholic) at Vicksburg.

First, it was free transportation for parochial schools in New Jersey, then free textbooks in Louisiana and Mississippi and other

steps in various states. Now it is hospital aid and we only wonder what will be next.

The majority opinion of the court states that "administering to the sick is not sectarian." In our opinion it is nothing else but. Hospitals of every denomination try to make friends of their own denomination. We have heard of hospital workers who openly sought to proselyte. Take away the opportunity to promote their denomination and denominational hospitals will become fewer in number.

In the words of Mr. Justice Hall, "The hospital (Mercy) is decorated with religious property and there is a crucifix on display in every room, including those rooms to which charity patients are and will be admitted. The crucifix is generally recognized in this state as an emblem of the Roman Catholic Church and a symbol of its faith."

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The Court's opinion cites the fact that Mercy Hospital has amended its charter to become a non-profit organization. We can't prove it, but the implication is obvious that this was done in order to get the money from the state. Did you ever hear of "Beating the Devil around the stump"?

We call attention to the fact that the hospital's charter expires within three years. How can the hospital guarantee to meet state requirements for a minimum of 20 years? In other words, after se-

curing this gift of \$214,000, the hospital could, at the end of three years, go out of business and the state would be left holding the bag.

It is also said that the Lutheran Hospital at Vicksburg plans to make application for a gift from the same fund.

Baptists, true to their tradition, are opposed to state aid for sectarian institutions and do not plan to ask the state to help them support the Baptist Hospital at Jackson. We also understand that the Methodist Hospital at Hattiesburg declined proffered government aid a few years ago when Camp Shelby was fully activated.

It should also be noted that on last Friday at a special session of the North Carolina Baptist Convention a grant of 668,000 to the Bowman-Gray Hospital (Baptist) by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission was rejected by an overwhelming vote of 2,902 to 128.

All believers in the separation of church and state need to wake up and wake up NOW.

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Shall We Go To San Francisco In '51


On another page will be found an article from Dr. R. Lofton Hudson of Shawnee, Oklahoma in which he advocates holding the 1951 Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco. After having heard Dr. Hudson speak at the Brookhaven Bible Conference, we hesitate to differ with him on any question. But we think we owe it to Baptists of Mississippi to call to their attention a few things concerning the San Francisco question.

Dr. Hudson refers to the Herring Pole as proving that the majority of Southern Baptists want to go to San Francisco. If we are correctly informed, the so-called Herring Pole was a questionnaire sent to a list of preachers. We understand that no laymen were included. We have no way of knowing, but there is no law against guessing. Our guess is that if an equal number of laymen had been polled, the results would perhaps have been different.

Most pastors who go to the Convention have their expenses paid and, hence, it is much easier to vote to go a long distance at the expense of their church than it would be if they were footing the bill.

Dr. Hudson also gives as a reason for going to San Francisco that the auditorium there seats 10,000 people. While auditorium space is to be considered, New York is nearer and I understand that Madison Square Garden would take

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GIVE ONCE FOR ALL

Southern Baptist Convention

MISSION NEEDS

Cooperative Program

Education Day

JUNE 11th

(Or Nearest Convenient Sunday)

SBC

Our Readers Write

I am writing this letter in the hope that your big heart will move you to write an article favoring ——— for president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We have received several requests to write editorials favoring different persons for president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To all of them we have replied that we do not think it ethical to use the editorial pages of the Baptist Record to try to get ANYONE nominated. Nominations should be made from the floor and not from the editorial page.

Wife and I attended the reception at the Baptist Headquarters in Jackson to meet, welcome and bid God-speed our new executive secretary, Rev. Chester A. Quarles and his family. And ere the impressions and inner reactions fade, I am constrained to set them down and pass them on to others of our Baptist

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care of quite a number. There are other cities nearer than San Francisco that probably have auditoriums that would seat large numbers.

He also makes mention of the fact that the relation between hotels and the auditorium in San Francisco is better than Chicago, with a promise of an unlimited number of rooms. If we recall correctly, one of the arguments for going to Chicago was the hotel situation, and it was painted in rosy colors, but it seems now, according to the article mentioned, the colors have faded. Could they fade between now and San Francisco.

Another reason offered in favor of San Francisco is that we now have a new seminary and a new assembly and that many will wish to see them. There is no connection between the Convention and a sight seeing trip. If people want to see the new seminary and assembly, let them go, but not make thousands of others go to great expense to make that possible.

Again the author states that one of the growing struggling mission fields of Southern Baptists is in California. If the purpose of a Convention is to see mission fields we suggest Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Tokyo, Shanghai, Nigeria.

It is also said that to change the meeting place might hurt our reputation. When did legitimately changing one's mind become a reason for a hurt reputation? If so, how many of us have any reputation left? Many preachers plan on Monday to preach on one subject, but use another ere Sunday comes. A person plans to build a colonial type house but later decides to put a Georgian type on the same lot and keeps his same reputation.

If we meet in San Francisco, the pastors of the larger churches and some of the medium size will go, but many a town and country pastor will be left at home.

folk over the state who were deprived of this privilege.

The occasion was a genuinely lovely affair; not gorgeous, nor flashy, but beautiful in its superbly charming simplicity. Everybody at the headquarters has stepped out with his or her "best foot forward" in their loveliest and handsomest attire, with countenances wreathed in exuberantly joyous and welcoming hospitality—the new secretary and wife, the heads of the departments and their assistants, in the receiving line; their wives (who had any) in the serving line; a corps of associates acting as guides through the building; and private secretaries waiting at the entrances of the various suites of offices to acquaint the visitor of the work of each and its equipment for doing it.—Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.

ERRORS CORRECTED

We the members of the Palestine Home Demonstration Club wish to call attention to some inaccuracies in the article in the Baptist Record of April 20 in regards to the church of the Palestine Community.

The writer of this article was undoubtedly a misinformed person. For everyone around and about has known this church to be a great part of their lives.

Not a Sunday has passed without services of some type in this church. It is true that there was a time of only afternoon preaching services but even then it was an outstanding church. The community was very, proud to have with them such an outstanding and devoted pastor. Even through all the grief of war torn years and the sadness in his life he never left the church without his support. After twenty faithful years to this church he resigned due to bad health.

However before leaving this church he appointed a pulpit committee of two men and one woman, members of this church and not Home Demonstration members, to go about in selecting a new pastor for our church. This committee with the help of their former pastor selected a young student pastor.

This young man being new in this field of service the, Christian people made it their business to support him to the fullest. He and his family was known and loved throughout the community. It is true we shared our best with him as our Bible teaches us.

We feel it our duty to put the credit where it belongs, to our former pastors and their great leadership that has built our church and made it what it is today.

We are proud to say we have with us at present another fine young ministerial student from Mississippi College.

MRS. HARVEY LEWIS,
Vice-President

Our readers will note that the above statement is not signed by the president of the Home Demonstration Club. The article as presented to us had attached to it the name of the vice-president and the president. However, the president, Mrs. A. B. Chapman personally asked the editor that her name not be signed to the article and stated that she had not signed it.

The article in question was taken from one of the Jackson daily papers and was published in that paper sometime in February. It was published in the Baptist Record on April 20, two or more months after its first publication. It seems that correction should have been made in the first paper before two months had passed. Having seen no objection nor correction we naturally assumed that the facts stated therein were correct.

You will also note that the name of the former pastor who was so much loved by the church is not used in the above article. We advised the committee of women who "waited" upon us that his name should not be used but it was not inserted and as always, we want to be



Shown above is the Baptist Record editor's office all dressed up for the open house party given for Secretary and Mrs. Chester Quarles on Friday night April 28. Shown above left to right are: Mrs. Clifton Nettles, assistant editor; A. L. Goodrich, editor and Mrs. W. Doss Smith, secretary.

fair and are publishing the letter without the name as it was written and delivered to us.

The Baptist Record tries very hard to avoid errors. If they do creep in, we stand ready at any time to make proper correction.

Dear Editor:

I was glad to see you at the Seminary Conference in Louisville. Your writeup of it was excellent. The Record as a whole continues to be a blessing to me and my people.

Faithfully yours,
RAY F. DYKES

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Ridgeland Plans Homecoming May 7

The annual Homecoming Day will be observed on May 7 by the Ridgeland Church. All day services have been planned with dinner to be served on the grounds.

Rev. Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary, will preach at the morning hour. Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of the Southside Church, Jackson, will preach in the afternoon, and Dr. L. Bracey Campbell of Mississippi College will deliver the evening message.

Rev. W. E. Palmer is pastor of the church. Two special quartets, one from Yazoo City and one from Magee, will furnish special music during the day.

Special emphasis will be given to the building program. The building fund now contains \$7,000. The grounds are now being cleared and actual construction will begin in the very near future. After completion of the new edifice, the present building will be converted into an educational and recreational department. Kitchen equipment will be installed. It will house the Young People's Department.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MISSISSIPPI PASTORS!

Dear Brother Pastor:

The Baptist Record is the best single means we have of getting our entire Baptist program before our people so that they may be informed and enlisted in the work we are doing together in the cause of our Master.

We rejoice in the great gain that has been made in the circulation of The Record during the past few years. The circulation has increased from 4,001 in 1935 to more than 66,000 last week. There are more than 900 of our churches which have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The goal for 1950, however, is 1,000 EVERY FAMILY churches.

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Certainly every Baptist in Mississippi needs the information he will receive in The Baptist Record. It will help the church, the pastor, and the work. It will be a source of inspiration to churches during the coming year to have The Baptist Record going into the homes of the people.

In these coming months of this year and in 1951 as we cooperate in the Southern Revival Campaign east of the Mississippi river it will be of inestimable value.

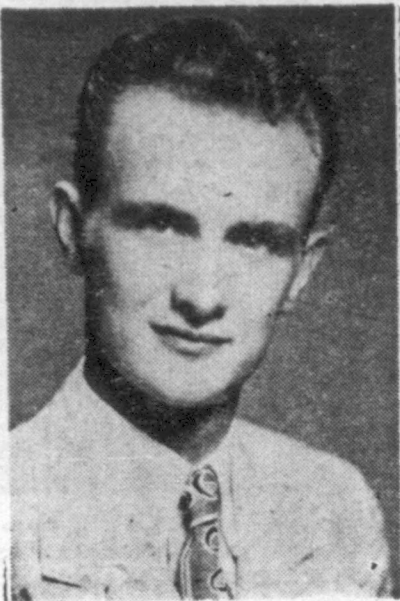
The Baptist Record has always been true to the faith, a friend to all pastors and to all of our Baptist people and work. I should like to urge you to either lead your church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan or to try to secure as many individual subscriptions as possible.

I am sure the results will be even beyond your highest expectations.

Yours truly,
CHESTER L. QUARLES,
Executive Secretary,
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Oak Grove Goes Full Time, Plans All-Day Program on May 7

DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED AT AFTERNOON SERVICE



REV. CLARENCE BUIE

Oak Grove Church in Yazoo county has planned to celebrate Church Loyalty Day on May 7. An all-day service has been planned. Former pastors have been invited to have a part on the program.

Rev. Clarence Buie, a student at Mississippi College is the present pastor. A large number have been added to the church during the year which he has served.

May 7 will also mark the beginning of the full-time program to be sponsored by the church. Heretofore, Oak Grove has been a half-time church.

The afternoon program will include the ordination of four as deacons: M. A. Hicks, Dewey Scroggins, Wayne Butts, and Ray Green.

—BR—

As Wake Forest Looks To Me

By DR. J. W. STORER

(Editor's note: Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma is a member of the committee to recommend a site for the new seminary to be established in the East. Below he gives some impressions of Wake Forest College made after a recent visit to Wake Forest. Our readers will recall that the committee will recommend that Wake Forest be the site of the new seminary.)

Because Wake Forest is now 116 years old, there will be some who, like myself, have thought that the buildings are old, and renovation is in order—as I heard one say, "The reason the College is to be moved from Wake Forest to Winston-Salem is because the buildings are old and dilapidated." Whatever the reason for the change, it certainly is not that.

They are a few old buildings, but when they were built, they were really built—and, like Oxford, shows no signs of sinking sickness. What amazed me were the lovely new buildings. The Chapel is a thing of simple dignified beauty, and new. There are new dormitories for both boys and girls, new. And so one might go on around the Quad with the same story.

It has been said by some that no Seminary would ever have use for certain of the properties—for example, the stadium seating some 16,000. That is probably true—but in

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College pastors, we cordially urge you to join us at the Student Retreat, Ridgecrest, June 7-14. Registration (\$2.00 each) deadline for all is May 29. See May Miscellany for available reservations. . . Jones Jr. BSU recently reported 108 tithers and programs before Laurel First Church Brotherhood and over the Jones county Baptist Hour on radio. . . A total of 218 registered at our recent Retreat at Jones Jr. Among those present were the following college town pastors: Dr. Mark Lowry, Wesson; Dr. Landon Miller, Brookhaven; Rev. William L. Clark, Ellisville; Dr. Judson Chastain, Poplarville; Rev. B. Aaron Foy, Perkinston; Rev. John W. Cook, Decatur. We appreciate the interest and support of these brethren and hope that many more of our college pastors will be with us in future meetings. The Retreat, we believe, was a great blessing. The messages from Dr. Miller, Bro. Cook, and Bro. Clark blessed and challenged us all to greater service for the pre-eminent Christ. Many said they believed this was our greatest Retreat. We thank God for making it so. . . We slipped up in our addition when we announced at the Retreat that, counting the offering given there, we now have more than \$1400 for student Summer Missions. The exact total is \$1353.95. Now we need about \$650 more to complete the campaign. Have you given? Has your campus had the opportunity to give more than once. Please push hard on this campaign

that we might complete it soon so that all four of our Student Summer Missionaries may know how to plan for the summer. Pray for Betty, Maurine, Billy, and Jean. . . More than 200 names have recently been taken off the Miscellany mailing list. If you want to be sure to receive the May and succeeding issues, send us your name and address. Many whose summer addresses we do not know, and others who have evidenced no interest in receiving it, will also have their names removed from our mailing list from time to time. These include students, pastors, and all. . . Mississippian J. Niles Puckett, now a professor at Grand Canyon College, Prescott, Ariz., was a participant in Arizona's recent BSU Spring Retreat program. . . One of the many fine things Jones Jr. BSUs did for the Retreat was to issue a special edition of their BSU paper, The Key, featuring the conclave. Their paper, by the way, employs the "offset" method of printing and is unusually attractive in appearance and readable in content. Our sincere appreciation goes to President J. B. Young, BSU Secretary Norma Jean John, and all the students, faculty, and townspeople who helped in the marvelous job that was done of entertaining us. We have never seen a better job done anywhere. . . One from Southwest Jr. recently joined the Summit church. Beverly Hodges, BSU Sec'y there for two years, is to leave soon. We appreciate all the fine work she has done and we shall miss her. She plans to go to a seminary for further training.

L. C. Pinnix Called To Drew Pastorate

Rev. Lucien C. Pinnix, native of Hamilton and a 1933 graduate of Mississippi College has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Drew.

Mr. Pinnix comes to Drew from the pastorate of King's Mountain church in North Carolina where he has served for the past five years. Previous to that time he was pastor at Jacksonville, North Carolina.

A Th. M. graduate of the Southern Seminary, and while there Mr. Pinnix was a member of the Seminary quartet, considered by many to have been the best in the history of that institution.

Mr. Pinnix married the former Louise McMahon of Batesville. They have five children.

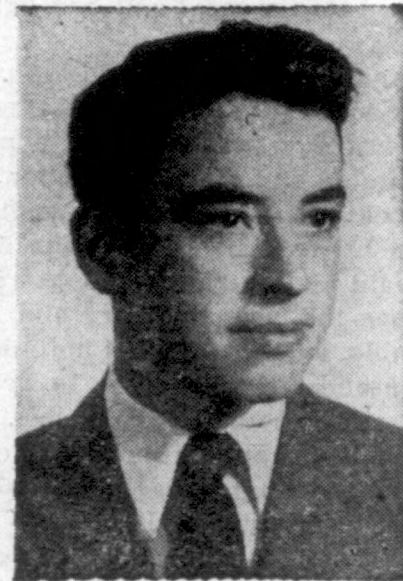
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acquiring the property, we get it—and future disposition may well be left in the hands of the Trustees. The truth is we will have, for once in our denominational life, all the buildings we will need. And with a very minimum of rearranging, we will have ample and properly useful classrooms, quarters for the faculty, and dormitories for students, single and married.

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Editor Of The Tribesman



ROBERT GILLASPY

Robert Gillaspay of Monticello has been elected Editor of the Mississippi College Annual, The Tribesman, for next session. Gillaspay was an honor graduate in high school and is now on the Dean's list at Mississippi College and is a member of this year's staff of the annual.

—BR—

ALTHOUGH WRITTEN BY THE FORMER Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of West Virginia, Minter L. Wilson, the book "HEART THROBS FROM THE BENCH" is not the result of cold logic in solving legal problems, but of warm and personal thought where human problems are involved. Much food for thought is contained in these pages, as well as refreshing entertainment. "Heart Throbs" could very easily apply to the heart of America. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store.

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LOTTIE MOON FOREIGN MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER OFFERINGS

(CONTINUED)			
DISTRICT VIII			
FRANKLIN—			
Bude	\$ 62.70	Berwick	25.37
Hopewell	14.15	Calvary	50.00
Lucien	26.00	Glading	11.55
Meadville	45.00	PIKE—	
O'Zion	5.00	Bogue Chitto	9.37
Quentin	15.00	Calvary	39.60
Roxie	50.05	Fernwood	45.49
Concord	31.45	Friendship	18.50
Providence	12.00	Magnolia	423.61
JEFF DAVIS—		McComb, Central	112.04
Antioch	\$ 11.00	McComb, East	248.88
Bassfield	77.13	McComb, First	1350.00
Carson	22.73	McComb, Southside	100.50
Ebenezer	10.00	Navilla	15.46
Old Hebron	23.25	Osyka	163.04
Hepzibah	24.00	Progress	32.50
Oak Grove	40.00	Silver Creek	10.65
Phalti	10.00	Summit	44.49
Prentiss	1485.22	Tangipahoa	5.00
Society Hill	37.81	Terry Creek	6.50
White Sand	52.94	Thompson	65.71
Hathorn	47.65	Union	5.00
Victory	6.55	Holmesville	23.50
Bethany	21.30	Silver Springs	14.25
LAWRENCE—		UNION—	
Calvary	\$ 85.19	Fellowship, Lorman	\$ 5.30
Carmel	36.10	Port Gibson	191.24
Crooked Creek	17.70	Red Lick	18.00
Jayess	10.00	Union Church	27.50
Monticello	163.09	Unity	26.50
New Hebron	185.00	Fayette	30.55
Wanilla	7.25	Cranfield	2.50
New Hope	4.05	Natchez, Emmanuel	27.16
LINCOLN—		Natchez, First	604.93
Bogue Chitto	35.00	Natchez, West Side	180.00
Brookhaven, First	1602.26	WALTHALL—	
Pearlhaven	23.50	Crystal Springs	\$ 64.82
Calvary	14.75	Enon	6.00
Fair River	17.80	Lexie	42.30
Friendship	17.00	Mesa	10.00
Heuck's Retreat	36.88	New Zion	25.25
Macedonia	12.62	Tylertown	177.50
Mt. Moriah	160.00	Union	20.00
Mt. Pleasant	12.00		
Mt. Zion	82.75		
New Prospect	39.00		
New Sight	18.00		
Moak's Creek	49.00		
Arlington	13.25		
Clear Branch	56.00		
Montgomery	11.50		
Ruth	40.65		
Pleasant Hill	63.52		
Philadelphia	5.00		
Pleasant Grove	6.00		
Mission Hill	10.00		
Gum Grove	5.00		
Bethel	17.10		
MARION—			
Bunker Hill	\$ 289.88		
Calvary	18.35		
Cedar Grove	17.83		
Columbia, East	50.00		
Columbia, First	540.45		
Columbia, North	25.00		
Edna	6.35		
Goss	47.00		
Improve	166.07		
Kokomo	9.25		
Foxworth	100.00		
Hurricane Creek	50.29		
New Hope	10.21		
Shiloh	5.00		
Spring Cottage	4.78		
MISSISSIPPI—			
Centerville	\$ 108.92		
Crosby	88.70		
East Fork	55.00		
Gillsburg	43.30		
Gloster	264.25		
Hebron	31.18		
Liberty	247.63		
Mars Hill	178.86		
Mt. Olive	23.45		
Mt. Vernon	30.00		
Woodville	69.01		

CHARLESTON BAPTISTS TO BUILD \$94,000 CHURCH



Shown above is a scene at the ground breaking ceremony of the Charleston Church. Left to right they are: Austin Neely, Will Jones, Dr. Ed Sheffield, H. O. Tatum, Miss May Neely, Mrs. Ned Rice, Harold Beedlive, Jeff Wolfe, Benton Neely, W. W. Gunn (Chairman of the Building Committee), Dr. Monroe Smith, (Chairman of the Finance Committee), Rev. Kermit Canterbury (Pastor), Bonnie Breedlove. On the steps, Mrs. Spencer Harris, Mrs. Harold Breedlove, Mrs. Jeff Wolfe, Syble Murphee, Mrs. Will Jones, Mrs. H. O. Tatum, Mrs. Kermit Canterbury.

Underwater Romance To Be Fantasy In BMC Festivities

Blue Mountain—The motif for the May Festival at Blue Mountain College May 6 will be unusual—an underwater romance. The hour, 7:30 p. m., will be more unusual. The festivities will take the form of an "undersea" celebration. The submarine effects will be achieved through illusions created by the use of varicolor spotlights and floodlights and other fantastic devices. Lovely maidens will disport themselves as mermaids, sea horses, octopuses, swordfish, shrimp and sea butterflies in a beautiful pantomime for the entertainment of the May Queen and her court. One concession to orthodoxy will be the traditional May Pole dance, which will be performed on dry land.

Joyce Keeler, junior, Leesburg, Fla., is the general director and Miss Mildred Mullikin, physical education instructor who originated the dances, will direct them.

Mary Eleanor Braddock, Ripley, will be May Queen and Jeanne Nelms, Alabama City, Ala., the Maid of Honor. Morris Newcomb, Blue Mountain, and Emily Braddock, Ripley, will be crown bearer and train bearer respectively.

Members of the Queen's Court are: Rosalind Owens, Moulton, Ala.; Charla Walters, Laurel; Mary Kate Lowrey, Clarksdale; Jane Griffin, West Memphis, Ark.; Carolyn McCord, Tupelo; Betty Sue Dixon, Memphis, Tenn.; Rose Marie Dickerson, Ripley; Beverly Guyton, Blue Mountain; Sara Ann Bryson, Tupelo; Peggy Workman, Woodruff, S. C.; Emma Jane Holmes, Tupelo; and Sue Tomlinson, Walnut.

Jessie Hankins, Pine Bluff, Ark., will be a sailor; Edna Jean Reynolds, Starkville, a mermaid princess; Joyce Keeler, a sea horse; Maurine Sparkman, Pine Bluff, Ark., a court jester; Ann Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala. an old man of the sea.

Mermaid dancers: Marion Mayers, Blytheville, Ark.; Jean Sproles, Delhi,

Charleston Baptists recently held a ground-breaking service for their \$94,000 building. With \$66,500 on hand there is optimistic hope of completing the church free of debt.

The pastor is Rev. Kermit Canterbury.

A short history of the church was given by the Pastor and the dedicatory prayer was led by Rev. Newton Guerry, Pastor of the Charleston Methodist Church. Paul Thompson, Junior partner of Currie and Corley, Contractors, was present, and work was begun immediately.

The Charleston Baptist Church was organized about 1875, but there was no building until the present building was built in 1906. Those who are still active in the work, who were a part of the church either prior to or when the first church was built, are Miss Sadie Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones, Mrs. Will Lambert, Sr., Mrs. Lucy Rice, and Mrs. Charlie Harrelson.

La.; Bettye Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; and Barbara Denton, Aberdeen.

Octopus dancers: Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City; Creely Neal Myatt, Houston; Barbara Birt, Greenwood; and Gail Nelms, Alabama City, Ala.

Swordfish dancers: Johnnie Armstrong, Nashville, Tenn.; Betty Jane Cargile, Memphis, Tenn.; Miriam Stacy, Tupelo; Sylvia Carr, Tupelo; Ora Sue Hollis, Chalybeate; and Doris Davis, Tupelo.

Sea butterflies: Katherine Wilson, Sparta, Tenn.; Mary Martha McClain, Quincy, Fla.; Betty Gray Jackson, Pine Bluff, Ark.; and Myrtle Johnson, Olive Branch.

Shrimp dancers: Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.; Elise Tapp, Blue Mountain; Martha Hugins, Oxford; Mary D. Wilds, Oxford; Lila Jean Jones, Bartlett, Tenn.; Jan Pegues, Tupelo; Joan Scott, Saulsbury, Tenn.; and Darleen Brown, Indian Head, Md.

May Pole dancers: Jane Anderson, Booneville; Nancy Jo Wallis, Harrisburg, Ill.; Jane Haggard, Columbus; Ginger Parsell, Louisville, Ky.; Alice Donnell, Blue Mountain; Sara Jo Selby, Charleston; Margaret Owen, Charleston; Peggy GHI, Hayti, Mo.; Janice Morris, Macon; and Bobbie Long, Tupelo.

CARTHAGE YWA'S OBSERVE FOCUS WEEK



Standing, left to right: Marjorie Flowers, Virginia Lee Ryan, Mary Ruth Hardage, Dorothy Jane Thomas, Jennette Hogue, and Ann Marie Cotton. Seated, left to right: Betty Lou Chadwick, Betty Earl Craft, and Betty Ann Barr.)

Focus Week activities were planned by the Business Women's Circle, YWA sponsors for this year. Outstanding events of the week included the following:

A Mother-Daughter Tea was held in the home of Mrs. Kirby Nazary, Counselor, on Sunday afternoon. Decorations followed the YWA colors, green and white, and the YWA motif topped the individual cakes served with Russian tea. Moving pictures were taken of the girls by Mrs. Regan, Young People's Director, and were shown to the church on Wednesday night.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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REV. WALLACE HARRELL

Rev. Wallace Harrell is the Missionary for Jackson association, and has had a large part in the very excellent record that association is making this year in its Sunday School program. He is a firm believer in all of our Baptist work and program, and is a hard worker. That association is leading the entire state in several good points of our program this year.

JACKSON ASSOCIATION 100%

Jackson association is now 100% for this year in churches reporting Sunday School study course awards, and is the only association with such a fine record this year.

It is not so easy to do a thing like this, but with the loyal co-operation of Missionary, Sunday School leader, pastors, superintendents, and others, it can be done.

We are indeed proud of this splendid record of this association this year in the all-important matter of training their people for better work. We never lose when we train our people.

Our hearty congratulations to Jackson Association!

POPLARVILLE FIRST READY

Although the date for the Vacation Bible School is June 2-16, the pastor, Dr. Judson Chastain, tells us that they are just about ready now with their workers, as follows: Principal, Miss Bal Culpepper; Dept. superintendents, Mrs. L. M. Greer, Intermediates; Mrs. C. C. Barefoot, Juniors; Mrs. E. C. Stuart, Primary; Mrs. Leo Daughdrill, Beginners.

They have the text books and most of the other workers have been enlisted. A good beginning is more than half the battle. Poplarville First is on the right track for a great Vacation Bible School. Now is the time to get ready.

"I HAVE NEVER MET A YOUNG person who said that he would not do God's will, even if he knew what it was. On the contrary, I hear regularly such words as 'I would gladly do God's will, if only I knew what it is.' Would you? Well, in seeking that will you must desire it above everything else, and you are the only one who can know your supreme desire."—John L. Hill, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.



REV. CURTIS C. MILLER

Rev. Curtis C. Miller, pastor at Escatawpa is the associational Sunday School superintendent of the Jackson Association, and had a very important place in leading that association to be 100% this year in reporting Sunday School training course awards.

He is a firm believer in training his people, and as evidence of this has had four study courses already this year. He is making us a great leader in the Sunday School work, and we are indeed grateful for his good service.

WE KEEP ON GROWING

We continue to marvel at the records some of our schools are making. It seems that there is no stopping them in breaking all previous records in reaching people for Bible teaching and study.

And that is the way it should be, so long as there are people not yet reached. Let's keep up the good work of building bigger and better schools for teaching the Word of God.

—BR—

Mary Patterson Heads Miss. College YWA

Clinton, Miss., April 24—Mary E. Patterson, a Crystal Springs sophomore, has been elected president of the Young Women's Auxiliary at Mississippi College for 1950-51.

This organization, having as its aim religious and social service to the surrounding area, works closely with the Women's Missionary Union.

Other officers for next year include: vice-president, Barbara Lunday, Biloxi; secretary, Jennye Faye Williams, Newton; community missions, Elizabeth McElory, Baldwin; program chairmen, Freda Porter, Meridian, and Delores Slay, Crystal Springs; stewardship, Arlene Pritchard, Crystal Springs; social chairman, Patricia Simmons, Brookhaven; devotional, Virginia Greening, Kansas City, Missouri; mission study, Pat Huggins, Greenwood; window chairman, Cornice Winter, Hardy; publicity chairman, Katherine Ball, Foxworth, reporter Mary Catherine Lowry, Memphis, Tennessee; song-leader, Betty Jean Weeks, Crystal Springs; pianist, Robbie D. Stegall, Morton.

Dry Forces Rule Over Liquor Advocates

WETS WARN DEFEAT FOR OPPOSING HOUSE MEMBERS

By N. S. JACKSON, Secretary Mississippi Temperance League

In the recent session of the Legislature dry forces successfully opposed the most determined effort ever made to repeal our liquor laws, and create a system of legal sale of liquor. In the beginning of the session Mrs. Zelma Price, chairman of the House Temperance Committee, introduced such a bill. Much of the credit for defeating this bill is due to Mr. Chalmers Alexander, Hinds representative, and vice-chairman of the House Temperance Committee.

Liquor advocates hypocritically cry that the law is not being enforced, and then in legislatures block every effort to secure better laws and means of enforcing the law. Among others, two bills were introduced in the House, one to increase fines and penalties in liquor offenses, and one limiting quantity of beer one may have in possession for personal use. The recorded fate of these good bills is "Died in Committee."

Why Have A Temperance Committee

House Bill 445 is an example of strategy employed. It is an iniquitous measure, giving towns of 2500 or more population, in dry counties, the privilege of voting beer in—legalizing it in the town. The bill was introduced in the House and instead of being referred to the Temperance Committee, it was referred to the Ways and Means Committee. (We wonder why it was referred to this committee instead of Temperance) passed by the House it was sent to the Senate, where instead of being referred to the Temperance Committee it was referred to the Finance Committee, which reported the bill favorably, and it was passed by the Senate, and signed by the governor, thus becoming a law.

In the beginning of the session effort was concentrated to repeal our laws outright and legalize liquor. Later, emphasis shifted to a referendum—let the people decide—let them VOTE. That having failed, effort was made to bring up a liquor bill, and amend if necessary to give the people a chance to vote. In the vote recorded it was revealed that liquor forces DO NOT HAVE A REFERENDUM. The vote against bringing up the bill was 79 to 30.

Support Your Legislators

Thus the fight shifts from the legislature to the political arena, where every dry effort will be made to defeat at the polls all dry legislators. Some House members say that they were warned (or threatened) that if they voted against liquor they would be defeated in the next election.

It is time for Christian forces to take control of government. "When the wicked rule, the people mourn." It is time for a legislative house-cleaning. The men who enact laws should be selected carefully. Men of judgement, sound moral character, and courage should be chosen. Let no good men in the legislature be defeated.

Commend your legislators if they stood firm, and if they lined up with in many towns.

May 7 To Be Observed As Student Nurse Day

The Mississippi State Nurses' Association in cooperation with the American Nurses' Association is observing American Student Nurse Sunday on May 7. Each minister throughout the state is urged to recognize and remind his congregation from the pulpit of the importance of the training period a student undergoes before she is eligible to take this vow and become a licensed graduate nurse:

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to elevate the standard of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed in my care."

—BR—

Baton Rouge Church Adds Eighteen

JOE HUDSON IS SPEAKER

Rev. Joe W. Hudson of Mt. Olive did the preaching at the South Boulevard Church, Baton Rouge, in the simultaneous revival campaign April 10-21. Rev. C. R. Pierce, Jr. is the pastor. There were 17 professions of faith, one by letter, and 75 rededications.

Those coming on profession of faith were adults, some of them with a very rough life behind them, but the Lord saved them in a glorious way.

Two young men were converted during the meeting, they were out of work and had tried every way to find a job. After being saved they began to pray and ask God to help them find jobs, and both of them started to work before the meeting was over.

One lady accepted Christ as Saviour, and after the service the pastor said that she was one of their best Sunday School workers; but she had realized that she was lost.

—BR—

"THE BIBLE IS NO FETISH AND has no power to change life if it remains a closed book. It must be opened. It must be studied. It must be taught. As these things are done, immeasurable fruits of Bible teaching will be seen in individuals in our churches, and in our denomination."—Gaye L. McGlothlen, The Sunday School Builder.

forces of evil, let them know you disapprove!

We have a complete record of every member on all liquor issues, on which a recorded vote was taken in both House and Senate. We shall be glad to give the record of legislators to those who want to know how representatives and senators voted.

Should effort to vote beer in be made in any town, write or call us. With proper protest and effort, we do not believe that beer can be legalized

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

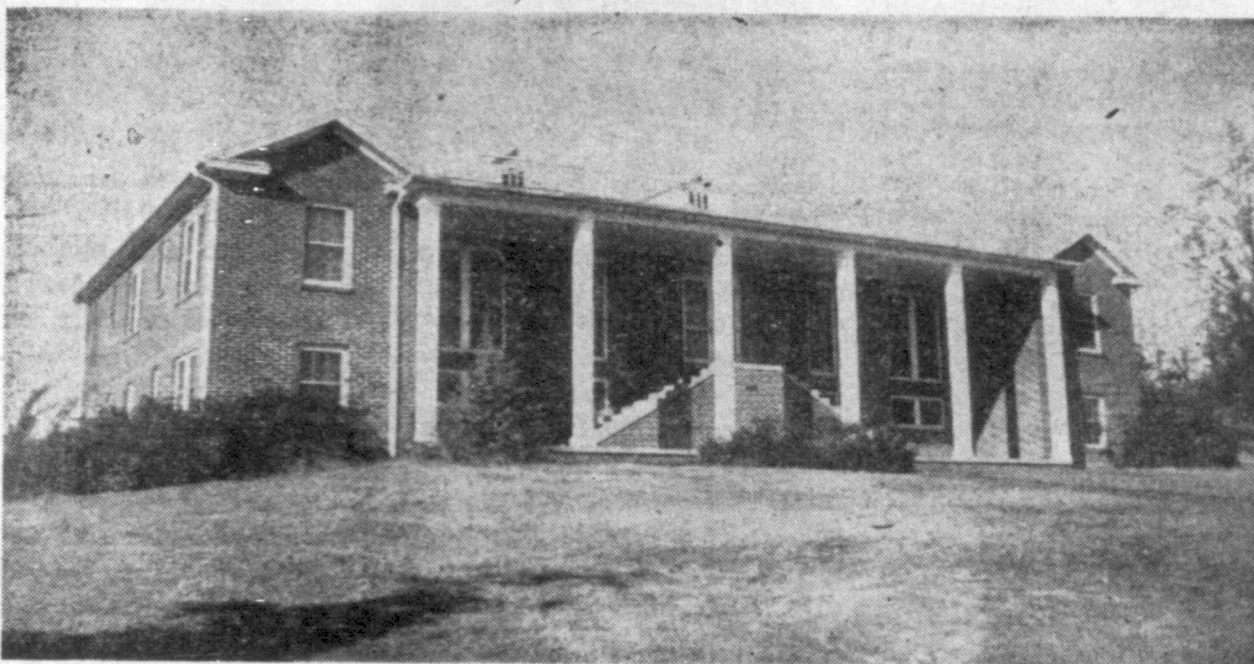
Blue Mountain, Mississippi
Department of Bible — Campus Religious Activities

Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, head of the Bible Department, and Mrs. Tyler, member of the Bible faculty, have written a book on the Christian home entitled **The Little World of Home**, published by Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Tyler is corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Helen Bolt, Student Secretary, directs the campus student-religious activities.

— BROACH HALL —

In 1940 Blue Mountain erected a beautiful brick building of fourteen rooms, including an auditorium which seats most of the student body, as headquarters building for the student religious activities. When Dr. Frank Leavell gave the dedicatory address he said this Broach Hall was the best building for such a purpose owned by any southern Baptist College.



First Magnitude!

Southern Baptist Student Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, has for many years provided a rating for all Southern Baptist educational institutions and many other colleges and universities in the matter of the excellence of their student religious program. Any college which fully meets their expectations for a given year is rated as "First Magnitude." According to the official rating, given out in 1948 for the session of 1947-48, there were only two senior Baptist colleges in the entire South that won this, their highest award. One of the two was Blue Mountain. The year before, the other college was not on the list but Blue Mountain was. In other words, for the two consecutive years Blue Mountain was the only Baptist college in the South which met their high expectations. For 1948-49, Blue Mountain was one of the three Baptist colleges to win this recognition. And now for a statement which may astonish many: Blue Mountain has been ranked "First Magnitude" for nineteen out of the last twenty-one years.

Blue Mountain College's Young Woman's Auxilray has again attained the distinction of being A-1. It is one of the thirteen college Y. W. A.'s in the South to achieve this honor.

Dr. Tyler

Answers a Question

When asked, "What is Christian Education at Blue Mountain College?" Dr. Tyler replied:

"It is training young women for Christian living and homemaking.

"It is holding up Christ in and out of the classroom, through loyalty to The Book of Books, fellowship and service in the local church, and promotion of all the causes of the denomination.

"It is emphasizing diligently the fruits of the Spirit, not only in the Bible classes, but also in correlation with academic courses and extracurricular activities.

"It is the development of the ability, initiative, industry, personality, and the will-to-do of the students, molded by Christ-engendered constraints and attitudes which operate for Christ and His Kingdom.

"It is living and learning, 'looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.'

"In summary, Christian education at Blue Mountain College is 'Christ in education'."

Church Administration:

There are over two hundred elective offices in the student religious organizations at Blue Mountain College—Sunday School, Training Union, Y. W. A. and auxiliaries. The students get practical experiences in the various phases of church administration by actual participation and experience in them.

When a young woman graduates from Blue Mountain College, she commonly has not only the spirit of the active Christian, but the know-how to serve as leader in almost any department of church work.

Write LAWRENCE T. LOWREY for additional information

Truman Endorses Family Week

Chicago—World peace and security can best be nurtured in the religious family, President Harry Truman wrote in a letter endorsing National Family Week, to be observed May 7-14.

The letter was released here by Rev. Richard E. Lentz, chairman of the Interfaith Committee on Family Life, and director of family education of the International Council of Religious Education, one of the Protestant agencies sponsoring the observance.

The letter was addressed also to Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler, O. S. B., of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and to Rabbi Hirsch E. L. Freund, of the Synagogue Council of America.

"I know of no better soil for the nurture of world peace and security than in a family—a family that is bound together by deep religious conviction, a family whose members demonstrate in their daily lives their abiding faith in the capacity and worth of themselves and each other, and of their neighbors," the President said.

"The true foundations of democracy are rooted in our homes and families. It is there that we learn the everyday practice of generosity, loyalty, honesty, and social responsibility—and these are the essence of democracy. It is there that we learn the dignity and worth of each individual—and without this there can be no successful democracy."

—BR—

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES Called and Accepted:

Wm. K. McIver, Center Hill Church, Green County, Arkansas, from Perla.

John L. Ryberg, Royal Ambassador Secretary, S. C. from pastorate, Murray, Kentucky.

Roy Robbins, Immanuel, Greensboro, N. C. from Clay, Ky.

E. V. Thurman, First, Hamilton, Mo. from Orrick.

Allen Graves, Emmanuel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from First, Charlottesville, Va.

Edward N. Garrett, Emmanuel, Antioch, Cal. from Grasmont, Albany, Cal.

Edgar Wilmer Dorchester Waylyn Church Charleston, S. C. from Spencer.

Leroy Thomas Mountain Grove Church, N. C. from Oakley.

Mark E. Fite, First, Gardenland, Cal.

Herbert M. Nary, First, Grass Valley, Calif. from First, Midlothian, Texas.

John H. Webb, Allyn Avenue Church, Ontario, California, from Radford, Va.

Horace F. Burns, Harvard Terrace, Fresno, Cal. from Assoc. Editor Baptist Standard, Texas.

W. E. Broome, East Side, Dalton, Ga. from Crown View, Dalton.

J. W. Lester, East Lake, Birmingham, Ala. from Bethlehem, Kent, Ala.

Muri Walker, Temple Church, Fort Smith, Ark. from First, Nicoma Park.

C. T. Hatchell, First, Pearsall, Texas, from Broadway, Tyler.

Cordell Bates, Fairview Church, Levelland, Texas, from 7th Street, Ballinger.

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THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF THE series of "Lessons for the Newly Baptized" appears in this issue. The readers of the Baptist Record owe a debt of gratitude to Rev. Leonard T. Van Horn, the author of these lessons. The lessons have been published in booklet form and no doubt many of our readers would like to have one. Those desiring a copy may secure same from Mr. Van Horn for ten cents (10 cents). His address is Bovina.

MANTLE OF L. D. SELLERS FALLS UPON SON



DR. L. D. SELLERS

Shown above are Rev. L. D. Sellers, recently deceased Carroll county pastor and his son Buford Sellers who was recently ordained to the gospel ministry.



BUFORD SELLERS

The prophet's mantle of Rev. L. D. Sellers, recently deceased "Apostle to Carroll County", has fallen upon his son Buford who surrendered to the ministry about a year ago.

By request of his home church, Mt. Pisgah of Carroll county which his father had pastored 28 years, Buford Sellers was on Easter Sunday ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry. He has been called to serve the Centerville and Leflore Churches of Carroll county.

The presbytery was composed of Rev. M. S. Riley, Carrollton, Rev. D. L. Young, Jr., Money, and Dr. R. A. Tullos, Greenwood, with deacons from Mt. Pisgah, Centerville, and Leflore Churches of Carroll county and Cal-

vary Church, Greenwood. The charge was delivered by Rev. M. S. Riley. Deacon Moore of Mt. Pisgah Church presented the Bible with appropriate remarks. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. R. A. Tullos, and Rev. D. I. Young, Jr. led in the ordination prayer.

Although still in high school, Buford hopes to enter Clarke College for some special study this summer.

MEMBERSHIP IN SBC OPEN COUNTRY churches gained 2.5 per cent during the past year, Sunday School enrolment climbed 5.3 per cent Training Union enrolment, 17.6 per cent; WMU enrolment, 14.7 per cent; and Brotherhood enrolment, 35.6 per cent.

PANDITA RAMABAI (\$1.50) BY BASIL Miller and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a biography of India's Christian Pilgrim. This unusual woman had a great compassion and an almost fierce devotion to duty. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

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For Information Write
Dr. Ray Summers, Director
Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas

Georgetown Church Sponsors Negro VBS

The Georgetown Church sponsored a Vacation Bible School at the negro church in Georgetown April 24-28. There were 74 enrolled in three departments.

Arvel Ashley, of the Georgetown church, served as superintendent. There were eight professions of faith.

The Georgetown Church has sponsored a chapel service there since Christmas, and the workers found that many of the churches were familiar to the children. Their handiwork was especially good.

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THE BAYLOR HOSPITAL AND THE Buckner Orphans' Home will receive nearly \$1,000,000 from the estate of Mrs. May Thomas Miller, who died last week in Denver.

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Sparks & Splinters

THE 1950 SOUTHERN BAPTIST Handbook, released this week by the Broadman Press, contains one of the most intensive studies of open country churches made since the rural church survey of 1923. The survey shows that Southern Baptist rural churches have gained nearly a million in membership since 1923. During the past year, the number of open country churches in the SBC increased by 40.

DR. ROBERT W. SEARLE HAS BEEN named editor of the Protestant World, interdenominational news weekly to be started before the end of the year. The new paper will absorb the Protestant Voice, now published at Fort Wayne, Ind.

VOLUME IV OF THE SOCIETY KIT has been published by the Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pa. It consists of four sections: A. General plans and ideas for successful Youth Programs; B. undated programs on perforated, tear-out pages; C. nine special day programs; D. Just for Fun (including party plans). Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

GASTON AVENUE CHURCH, DALLAS, Texas, Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor, will have an 8-day celebration over the completion of the new sanctuary. Services will be held Sunday, April 30 through Sunday, May 7, with meetings each week night. This is one of the most beautiful buildings in the country and the church property is valued at more than one million dollars.

CARBONDALE, ILL.—(BP)—RE- minding southerners that the weather in Chicago may be considerably cooler than what they are accustomed to, Mrs. Noel M. Taylor, publicity chairman for the WMU Convention, asks that the women bring suitable clothing. "We fear that those accustomed to warm weather in the extreme south will not realize the coolness coming off Lake Michigan," she said. "Winter clothes will be comfortable and certainly nothing lighter than heavy spring clothes will be needed."

BSU LEADER—JAMES FRANKLIN Street is the new president of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State College. A sophomore from Ripley, Mississippi, he is majoring in commercial aviation in the School of Business. He has served on the BSU executive council during the past year. He is also president of the Colonel Club, a group of public spirited students.

DALLAS, TEXAS—(BP)—CONSERVA- tive estimate based on incomplete reports of the simultaneous crusade west of the Mississippi river were 120,000 for baptism, 66,000 by letter, a total 186,000. The estimation was made by Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of the crusade, Friday, April 28.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., APRIL 26—The Student Government Council for Blue Mountain College has just been elected. Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City, is president. Other officers are as follows: Shirley Wieland, Trenton, Tenn., vice-president; Bettye Burr, Springfield, Tenn., secretary; Betty Sue Dixon, Memphis, Tenn., treasurer; Bobbe Carr, Sumner, prosecuting attorney; Eloise Ellis, West Point, defending attorney; Mary Martha McClain, Quincy, Fla., sophomore representative; Betty Rosalyn Harper, Trenton, Tenn., junior representative; Elise Tapp, Blue Mountain, senior representative; and Alice Donnell, Blue Mountain, local representative.

SCATTERED REPORTS FROM BAP- tist churches west of the Mississippi river indicate that many thousands were won to Christ during the simultaneous revivals. A more complete report will be given next week.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIV- ed a copy of the minutes of the Scott County Association which held its last meeting at the Line Creek Church. The 1950 meeting will be held at Forest Church, October 19 and 20. Rev. N. E. Davis, Jr. is the pastor and Moody R. Purvis is the clerk and treasurer. The minutes are attractively and efficiently prepared and are printed in clear, easy-to-read type.

APRIL APPOINTEES BY THE FOR- eign Mission Board are: Charles Earl Compton, Jr., (Tex.) and Betsy Dunning Compton (N. C.), Brazil; James Thomas McRae, M. D. (Miss.) and Jane Carroll McRae (La.) Arabia; Georgia Alice Miller (Ga.), Nigeria; Edward Lee Oliver (Fla.) and Susan Pyles Oliver (Ky.), Japan; James Ollin Watson (Ga.) and Frances Scott Watson (S. C.), Latin America. Total no. missionaries: 753.

THE 1950 SOUTHERN BAPTIST Handbook, released this week, shows that church membership in the United States, including evangelicals, Catholics, and Jews, has reached 81,497,698, a 1.4 per cent gain over the past year. The new tabulation indicates 283,150 congregations, compared with 279,374 in 1948.

NEW ATHENS, ILL.—(RNS)—A RE- solution protesting the assignment of a United States Government representative to the Vatican was approved at a meeting here of the Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—NORTH Carolina Baptists will sell their Wake Forest College property to Southern Baptists for \$1,600,000, for use as an eastern seminary. The decision was reached in a special one-day session of the convention April 27. The vote to sell was 3000 for and 15 against.

REV. W. B. SANDERSON, PASTOR OF Friendship Church near Taylorsville, recently assisted the Oakland Springs Church of Oberline, Louisiana, in a revival meeting. Mr. Sanderson was formerly pastor of this church.

RECEIPTS FOR THE 1949 LOTTIE Moon Offering stood at \$1,079,841.97 on April 13. This represents an increase of approximately \$40,000 over the 1948 total.

THE BROADMAN PRESS HAS PUBL- lished a book containing excellent advice to those who seek to use church drama. Its title is "Drama in the Churches" (75 cents, cloth; 50 cents, paper) and it is written by Floy Barnard. Resulting from the Class experiences and dramatic productions given at Southwestern Seminary, the book may be used for study courses or studied privately. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

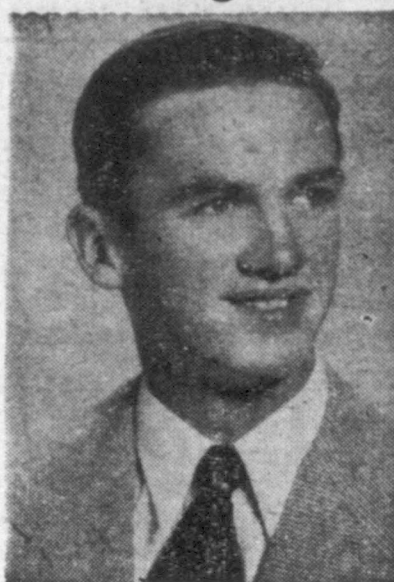
THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRA- tions of non-Roman Catholic work in the Philippine Islands culminated in January with a month-long visitation evangelism campaign.

WRITE TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONS Board, Richmond, Va. for "Glimpses of Grace in South America," by Ralph A. Herring; "Consider Our Mission Centers," by M. Theron Rankin; "Visit Your Missions in Mexico," a missionary guide for Southern Baptists tourists planning to visit Mexico.

THE REIGN OF GRACE (\$2.50) BY Abraham Booth, exhibits the Gospel of the Grace of God in all the fullness and freedom of its offers of mercy, through the Savior, to guilty man. First published in 1768, in England, the volume has appeared in a score or more editions. Order from the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 255 Jefferson Avenue, S. C., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

LANCASTER, PA.—(RNS)—MEMBERS of the Pennsylvania Council of Church Women, a Protestant group, reiterated their opposition to President Truman having a personal representative at the Vatican.

Tommy Ford To Lead Miss. College BSU



TOMMY FORD

Tommy Ford of Baldwyn has been elected BSU President for next session at Mississippi College at Clinton. He will be a Senior next session and is now a member of the Student Executive Council. He is a physical education major.

Other members of the BSU staff for next session are Travis Lunceford, 1st vice president; Frank Horton, 2nd vice president; James Worsham, 3rd vice president; Catherine Carpenter, Talent Chairman; Jane McDaniel, Recording Secretary; Leon Smith, Reporter; Jim Walker, Publicity; Marvene Dallis, Librarian and External Relations; Bobby Compere and Lurline Martin, Co-Chairmen Sunday School Promotion; Billy Warren and Ann Bailey, Co-Chairmen Training Union Promotion; Billy Causey, treasurer.

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THERE WERE 38 PROFESSION OF faith in the revival at Hebron Church in Dunham Spring, La., in which Rev. Henry Bucklew, Pearl City pastor, did the preaching and Rev. Harold McNabb is the pastor. All decisions totaled approximately 130.

THE FOURTH CHURCH OF CHRIST, Scientist, N. Y., has severed all connections with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston. The Rochester church rebelled at a ruling of the Mother Church in Boston that no person could be elected reader in a local church unless he was a member of the Mother Church in Boston.

"JESUS CALLED HIMSELF THE way, the truth, the light. He is the way to a satisfying experience of God. He is the supreme fact about God. He conveys the essence of God to man's spiritual quest. To him an experiential knowledge of God through him is eternal life. By eternal life, he meant a life abundant in quality as well as perpetual in quantity." —W. R. White, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

A GOOD FICTION BY BASIL MILLER is entitled "KOKO AND THE ESKIMO DOCTOR." Kris, the doctor has been sent to Greenland by the mission to establish a hospital in a small Eskimo settlement. His companion is Dr. Lisbet Gilberg, a young woman doctor. Koko leads Dr. Lisbet and Kris to the daring rescue of the stranded fliers. Orders should be sent to the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to the Baptist Book Store.

FAITH IS POWER—FOR YOU (\$2.50) is written by the editor of the Christian Herald Magazine, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, and reveals much of his personal experience as a great leader. Strong emphasis is given to the necessity of prayer. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store.

VOICES IN THE WIND (\$1.75) IS A collection of poems by Clyde Edwin Tuck, including such titles as "Fulfillment," "Unexpressed," "Symphony," and includes almost that many poems. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store.

NEW YORK—(RNS)—THERE WILL be no merger of the Reformed Church in America and the United Presbyterian Church of North America. A merger plan approved last year by delegates to the national assemblies of both denominations was overwhelmingly defeated by local classes (regional groups) of the Reformed Church in America to whom it was submitted for approval. (Editor's note: Just another reason why unionism will not work.)

LORIMER MEMORIAL BAPTIST Church, Chicago, has recently experienced one of the God-sent revivals now occurring at various places over the country. Southern Baptist Michael A. Guido completed a three-weeks' evangelistic engagement with a total of 134 conversions. During the second week, because of the prayers of church members, the gospel began to take hold. Deacons and other active church workers came to the altar and confessed their sins. Many unsaved came to the Lord. One church member who had been padding his expense account reimbursed his company. Another felt that although his business was all right in the eyes of the law, in God's sight it wasn't. He restored \$4,000 which he felt he had overcharged.

A SECOND PRINTING HAS BEEN made of John Calvin's COMMENTARIES ON THE EPISTLE OF ROMANS (\$4.50). Although the author gives what he thinks is the best interpretation possible, the 592-page book is brief, since critical material and opinions of others have been omitted. Order from the Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

HOW TO STUDY AND USE THE Bible (\$1.75) will be of help to Bible students, either in the classroom or for individual study. Titles of its six chapters are: Let's Look at the Bible, The Story the Bible Tells, Tools for Bible Study, Let's Study Amos, Now Turn to Philipians, Planning to Teach the Bible. Order from W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, Massachusetts, or from the Baptist Book Store.

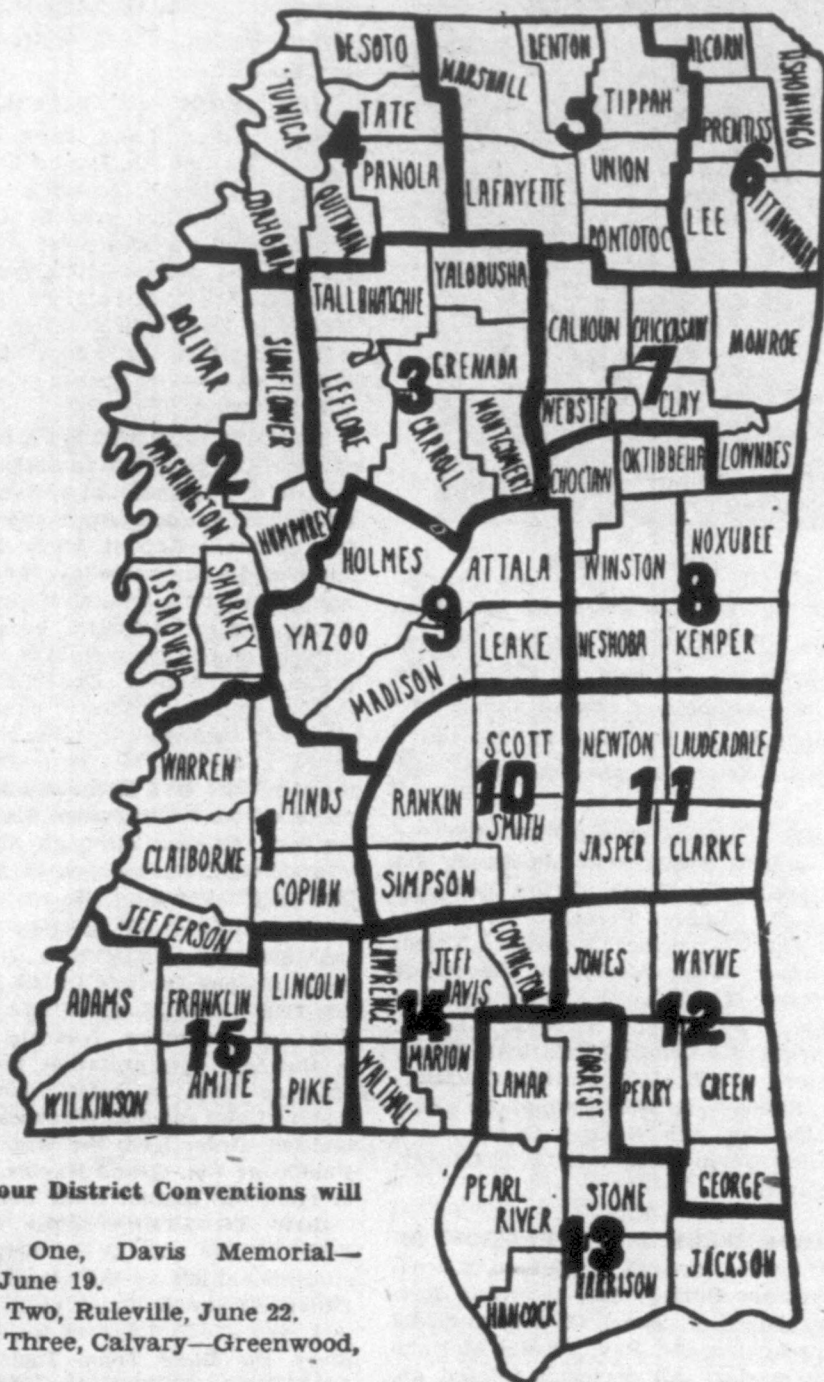
WHO AM I—MAN? BY M. DYSTHE IS a 104-page book emphasizing living a clean and healthy life, and giving credit for life to God, the Maker of the Universe. Order from the author, (\$1.00), 3136 10th Avenue, S. Minneapolis, Minn. The author describes the book as follows: The most fundamental in facts, the broadest in scope, the greatest in truths, the loftiest in thought."

IN HIS BOOK, BAPTIST SUCCESSION (\$2.50), Dr. D. B. Ray traces the church which was founded by Jesus Christ, as its line continues from country to country, from age to age. It is also shown that this succession is entirely independent from the Roman apostasy and that the Roman church is not and never has been the "Church of Jesus Christ." This is not "Apostolic Succession," but refers to the perpetuity of the church which was founded by Christ. Order from the Kings Press, Box 326, Rosemead, California.

FRUIT FOR TOMORROW (\$2) IS AN unusual Christian fiction. Specializing in unexpectedness, the story tells of a forbidding farmhouse which becomes a place of unforgettable joy; an unimaginative lawyer who yields to a dream; a cynical young skeptic who recognized Christ only as a man but at last cries "My Lord and My God." It is a book for young people and for those who work with young people. Order from the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

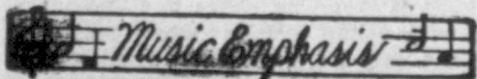
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson
 Aubrey J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi



Where our District Conventions will meet:

- District One, Davis Memorial—Jackson, June 19.
- District Two, Ruleville, June 22.
- District Three, Calvary—Greenwood, June 21.
- District Four, Hernando, June 23.
- District Five, West Heights—Pon-totoc, June 5.
- District Six, Baldwin, June 6.
- District Seven, West Point, June 7.
- District Eight, Philadelphia, June 8.
- District Nine, Durant, June 20.
- District Ten, Florence, June 16.
- District Eleven, Newton, June 9.
- District Twelve, Lucedale, June 12.
- District Thirteen, First—Pascagoula, June 13.
- District Fourteen, Bunker Hill, June 14.
- District Fifteen, Liberty, June 15.

The convention in each instance will open at 1:30 in the afternoon and will run through an evening session. The host church will serve supper to all who attend the convention. The program will consist of contests and drills by representatives of the associations and will include every age group. A conference period will be arranged for the discussion of practical methods. The Baptist Record will soon carry detailed information which will include the program outline. Plan to attend the one in your district.



1950 Ensembles and Hymn Players
Ensembles: It is time for the church ensembles to start working in earnest on the music festivals that are coming up in the near future. Each

church will be eligible to enter one ensemble, type and size to suit the desires of the church. Each ensemble must have at least six members or more. If the associational festival is not held, each ensemble in such association will be eligible to go directly from the church to the district festival in June. The district festival will be held during the District Training Union Conventions. Rules and regulations on the 1950 Music Emphasis Sheet may be secured upon request. Write the Music Section of Training, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. It will be noted that an ensemble may use an anthem this year if it desires to do so. This will give many of our fine youth choirs an opportunity to expand their possibilities.

Hymn Playing: Each church may enter one Junior Hymn Player and one Intermediate Hymn Player. This department has grown very much, and we are expecting the largest participation in this section that we have had. The purpose of this promotion is to build a large supply of future hymn players for our church music programs. Write as above for rules and regulations for the hymn playing program. The hymn playing festivals will be held at the same time the ensembles are held.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

MACEDONIA BROTHERHOOD IS ACTIVE

Macedonia Brotherhood in Lincoln county with the Reverend A. W. Talbert, pastor, and Lucius Jackson, president, has been very active. Incidentally, Macedonia Church is one of the largest country churches in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Brotherhood is one of the oldest in that section. They meet on Wednesday evening, in connection with Prayer Meeting, and use the *Journal* as the basic program material. The Brotherhood has rendered the following services in the last few months: sent out thirty-three Christmas baskets to old people, valued at two dollars (\$2.00) per basket; provided financial aid to some half dozen in hospital or on sick beds; repaired windows in the church and painted the interior of the church; they are rebuilding the well-shed at the church and having special clean-up around the new pastor's home; recently, they moved their pastor on to the field in the beautiful new home that the church has provided. All of these activities are practical and worthwhile.

FIRST CHURCH, LAUREL PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION FOR CLARKE STUDENTS

A group of students from Clarke College visited twelve churches in Jones county April 23. They brought

messages about the work of Clarke College, also, musical numbers.

The men of the First Baptist Church Brotherhood, under the direction of president, Carroll Gartin and activities vice-president, "Runt" Murphy, arranged for transportation of the students to the various churches. This was a splendid service and is in keeping with the spirit of that church.

FREE MATERIALS

Free materials are available to any church interested in organizing a Brotherhood. These materials include a booklet, "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," tracts on "Officers and their Duties," "Committees and Suggested Activities," and many other leaflets on Brotherhood work. Write to the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

The following materials are available at the prices listed:

1. Secretary's Record book — \$1.00 each.
2. Brotherhood Buttons (Oxidized Silver) — \$.30 each.
3. Brotherhood Buttons (Solid Gold) — \$6.00 each.
4. Brotherhood Stickers (Decals) — \$.05 each.
5. Brotherhood Journals* — \$.10 each.

*Send order for Journals to Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis, Tennessee.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director

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ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS HEAR MESSAGES AT KOSCIUSKO, STONEWALL AND HERMANVILLE

On a recent Sunday it was my privilege to speak in three services at First Baptist Church, Kosciusko. Two of the services were broadcast. The people were very enthusiastic. There was an unusual response to the message on temperance.

Stonewall had made great preparation for the Temperance Rally. Their new auditorium was filled to capacity. It was a great joy to speak to such enthusiastic congregation. There is not a single "honky-tonk" in their county!

The service at Hermanville was attended by all denominations. God's people in that area are anxious to do something to oust beer from their county.

LEGALIZING WHISKEY DOES NOT STOP BOOT-LEGGING

A very interesting article appeared in The Atlanta Constitution Monday, April 3, 1950, under the caption "Non-Tax Liquor Flow to Georgia Branded 'Rich Racket' by Police." According to the article, Atlanta police consider the shipment of non-tax paid liquor into Georgia the biggest racket deal of the century. Bootleggers were receiving nationally advertised brands at \$14 per case less than warehousemen could obtain the same brand through legal channels. Police estimated weekly shipments would total \$100,000.

Bootlegging always thrives most

where liquor is legalized. They dodge the tax.

VIRGINIA BOOT-LEGGERS ALSO HAVE ROUGH SAILING

During March the Virginia police "seized 129 stills valued at more than \$30,000; confiscated 16 automobiles, two trucks and various distilling materials and equipment; made arrests that resulted in 403 individual convictions and \$36,390 in fines.

"A total of 2,628 investigations were made, 616 raids carried out and 290 persons were arrested.

"The total value of all equipment and materials seized was estimated at \$169,174.

"The brunt of the raids was borne by Franklin county, regarded by enforcement officers as a good hunting ground for years. Twenty-nine stills were seized in Franklin, where agents have been putting on a special drive as an aftermath to the dynamiting of an ABC agent's car.

"In neighboring Henry and Patrick counties officers also were quite active, raiding 15 stills."

This pertinent information on the situation in wet Virginia appeared in The Progress-Index (Petersburg, Va.), Tuesday, April 11, 1950, being released by police, Alcoholic Beverage Control agents and federal alcohol tax unit officers from Richmond.

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WILLIAM D. WILKINS, NEW YORK University professor, told a University of Pennsylvania conference that more than one-third of the juvenile delinquents in the U. S. are the children of divorced parents.

AN INSTRUCTION COURSE FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Prepared by
LEONARD T. VAN HORN
LESSON NUMBER "9"

Subject: "THE BAPTIST CHURCH."

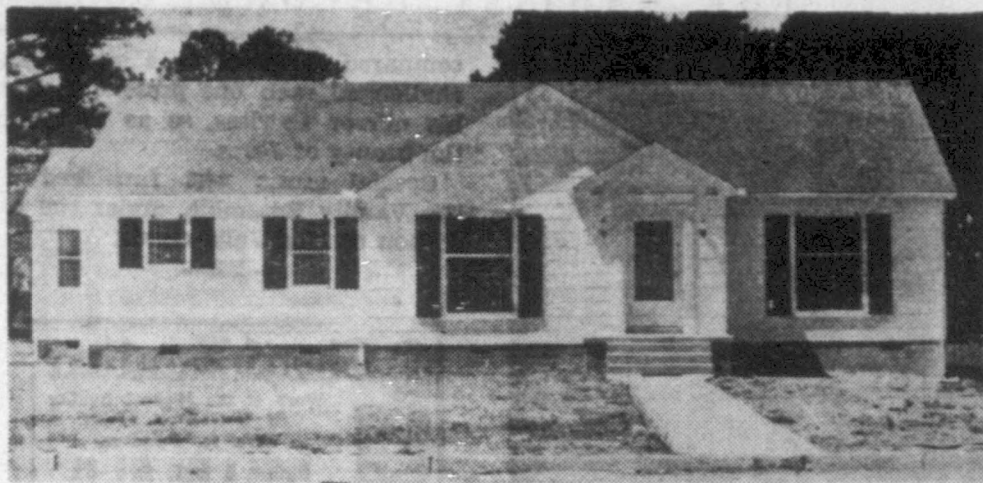
1. Q. What is a church?
A. A church is a body of baptized believers, equal in rank and privilege, administering its own affairs under the headship of Jesus Christ.
2. Q. Who are the officers in a Baptist Church?
A. (1) The pastor. (2) The deacons. (3) Other necessary officers.
3. Q. Are the offices of pastor and deacons for the purpose of service or dictation?
A. For the purpose of service.
4. Q. Is one church, (speaking of other denominations), as good as another?
A. No, for example, a church that teaches error is not as good as a church that teaches truth.
5. Q. What therefore should be our attitude toward these other churches?
A. We should have Christian fellowship with Christians and live and talk Christ before the lost.
6. Q. Do Baptists believe in missions?
A. Yes, because we believe in carrying out the commands of the Bible. (Matt. 28:19,20) (Luke 24:47)
7. Q. Does each member of a Baptist Church have a vote in regard to the activities of the church?
A. Yes, each has an equal vote.
8. Q. Who is the supreme head of a Baptist Church?
A. Jesus Christ is the supreme head. (Eph. 5:23)
9. Q. Does the Baptist State Headquarters or Southern Baptist Headquarters have anything to say about how the individual church should be run?
A. No, each church administers its own affairs.
10. Q. What is the Baptist Churches' only authority?
A. The Word of God, primarily the New Testament, as the Old Testament is the schoolmaster to lead us to Christ.

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Chaplain Peter E. Cullom, Sheppard Air Force, Texas; Rev. B. E. Phillips, Jackson; Rev. Paul McDonald, Puckett; Rev. Clarence Buie, Clinton; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Pulaski, Tenn.; Henry Hederman, Byron Cook, Jackson; Rev. W. D. Ellingburg, Valden; Rev. Virgil D. Davis, Magee; J. M. Lowther, Jackson; Leonard E. Clark, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. T. R. McKibbens; Jane Dukes, Jackson; Mrs. C. W. Huff, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Porter, Georgetown; Rev. Jimmie Yarbrough, Clinton.

BILL HUBBARD OF MERIDIAN, who is a graduate student in music at LUS, will be available as a music director in revival meetings during the summer months. He may be addressed in care of the School of Music, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

DR. B. B. HALL, FORMER PASTOR at Woodville who is now retired and living at Natches, led in a recent revival at Mondova Church, Waterproof, La. There were eight additions, seven for baptism. Rev. A. J. Turner is the pastor.



Value Mission Is Now Value Church

Approximately 125 persons were present at Value Sunday afternoon, April 30, when the Value Mission was constituted a Baptist church. Thirty-four were named as charter members.

Ministers present were the Rev. Montie A. Davis, Brandon pastor; Rev. J. Howard Jones, Leesburg, who gave a devotional; Rev. J. A. Barnhill, moderator; Dr. A. A. Kitchens; Rev. Leon Young, pastor of the Hickory Ridge church and Rev. Louis Ward Stanger, Rankin county associational missionary, under whose direction the new church was organized.

Visitors were present from Brandon, Oakdale, Bethel, Leesburg and Hickory Ridge, Rankin county churches. Also from Newton, First; Southside, Jackson, and Kosciusko.

The new church adopted the name, Value Baptist church, and a committee on finance was appointed. Further organizational work will be carried out during the current month. Plans are under way to call a pastor by June 1.

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From Here to Frisco

By DR. LOFTON HUDSON

I voted against going to San Francisco. It seemed too far, too expensive, too much to the north, and unnecessary.

Some confusion has arisen since the Oklahoma City vote to go to Frisco. Some have made quite an issue of the "Herring Poll." Others have tried to represent the California brethren as "pressuring" the convention in order to get them out there for 1951.

There are four points which I wish to make.

First, the Herring Poll was taken by the California brethren for the sole purpose of determining whether they should withdraw their invitation for the 1951 Convention. It was done because some seem to think that the majority of Southern Baptists did not really want to go to San Francisco. The poll, which I think was valid (but I do not think the point is worth debating), indicated that the majority did want to go there.

Second, it should be remembered that the 1947 convention voted by only a small margin to go to Memphis instead of California in 1948. So it seems that many of our messengers have had Frisco in mind for a good while.

Third, we all have more reasons now for wanting to go to San Francisco: (1) the auditorium there seats 10,000 people (slightly more than the

Forest Dedicates New Pastorium; Entertains At Open House

One hundred and seventy-five guests attended the Open House held in the new pastorium of the Forest Church, following the dedication on April 9.

Guests were welcomed at the door by Mrs. Otis Hunter, teacher of the Fidelis Sunday School class, and were received by Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Davis, Jr. and Mrs. Titus Mapp, church secretary. Mrs. Hugh Lee, president of the Fidelis Class, presided at the punch bowl and dainty tea plates were served by those assisting. Members of the ladies' class of the Adult Department served as guides.

The new pastorium has three-bed rooms, two baths, living room and dining room combination, kitchen, breakfast room, den and utility room. A. A. Mills was chairman of the Pastorium Committee and H. D. Carr of Forest was the contractor.

Chicago Coliseum); (2) the relation between the hotels and the auditorium is better than Chicago, with promise of an unlimited number of rooms; (3) of even more importance, now that the convention has a new seminary and a new assembly—Golden Gate and Glorieta—many will wish to see them; (4) furthermore, one of the growing, struggling mission fields of Southern Baptists is California.

Fourth, it has become necessary for the convention to plan its meeting places two years in advance, and since we decided to go to San Francisco I doubt the wisdom of changing our minds at this late date. I fear that it will hurt our reputation as a convention. It may appear to be a kind of instability if we decide two years in advance to go to a certain city and then change our minds after reservations are already made.

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TOYOHICO KAGAWA REPORTS that the emperor of Japan, Hirohito, is being instructed in the New Testament by his wife.



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCAGOULA has requested that no school activities be scheduled on Wednesday nights so that faculty and students may go to Prayer Meeting at the various churches. Dr. Charles L. McKay, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula, has expressed his thanks to the school officials and trustees for this action.

GOLDEN GATE THEOLOGICAL Seminary at Berkeley, California, held their spring commencement on May 1. There were 22 graduates.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

April 30, 1950		
Meridian, First	613	108
Meridian, 15th Ave.	433	100
Meridian, Highland	396	140
Meridian, 8th Ave.	272	55
Meridian, Poplar Springs		
Drive	262	104
Meridian, Poplar Springs		
Mission	30	
Meridian, South Side	252	108
Meridian, Forty-First	210	76
Meridian, Oakland Heights	115	53
Pascagoula, First	680	269
Eastlawn Mission	59	35
McArthur Mission	34	
Unity Mission	48	48
Jackson Ave. Mission	61	
Zion (Pontotoc County)	119	38
Columbus, First	822	275
Woodville	190	96
Cherry Creek		
(Pontotoc County)	76	56
Goss	123	126
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	109	110
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	31	72
Ruth	60	98
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	184	123
Laurel, Second Avenue	405	159
Kosciusko, First	492	215
West Corinth	178	116
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	114	58
Crystal Springs	609	200
McComb, First	679	176
Bethlehem (Scott County)	101	66
Friendship (Lincoln County)	63	39
Brookhaven, First	766	228
Hamilton Street	129	59
Central	117	94
Fair River (Lincoln County)	105	68
East McComb	461	284
Centreville	179	53
Lucedale	257	111
Gulfport, First	731	183
Paul Truitt (Rankin County)	169	127
Yazoo City, First	346	62
Carmel (Lawrence County)	172	140
Union (Alcorn Association)	30	98
Wallerville (Union County)	45	104
South McComb	257	64
Mission	52	
Bunker Hill (Marion County)	214	146
Louisville, First	418	99
Rocky Creek	158	81
Brooklyn	76	50
Center (Union County)	75	57
East Louisville	88	65
Evergreen (Winston County)	61	104
Laurel, First	602	157
West Laurel	454	148
Union (Pike County)	64	84
Jackson, Elaine	190	102
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	384	144
Jackson, East Side	121	53
Jackson, Parkway	752	292
Parkway Chapel	114	60
Jackson, First Church	1252	420
Jackson, South Side	288	118
Jackson, Calvary	1305	348
Calvary Mission	23	21

Re-Election Is Theme Of MCWBSU Banquet

The annual BSU banquet was held at Woman's College on April 27, using the theme "RE-ELECTIONS" in keeping with the key verse of the year, II. Cor. 4:6.

Entering the gaily decorated banquet hall, BSUs and their guests crossed an improvised bridge entwined with ivy and spring flowers. Centerpieces for the tables represented small lakes, with surrounding moss and spring flowers. The lakes floated sail-boats, made from BSU membership cards. Mirrors were arranged to reflect Sallman "Head of Christ". Place cards were made in the form of dressing table mirrors and programs were like hand mirrors.

Rev. Riley Munday, BSU Secretary at Mississippi Southern College, was Toastmaster. Joann Weaver, social vice-president, gave the Reflecting welcome. Mr. Munday entertained the group with his humorous "No Reflections." The second part of the program consisted of Reflecting Jesus in Song, in Work, in Meditation, and in Prayer. Miss Kathleen Taylor, BSU Secretary, had charge of the installation of officers for the 1950-51 session. As each officer was presented her charge, she responded with a Scripture verse.

Mrs. J. H. Street, Laurel, was the principal speaker on the program. In her message on "Reflections" she

Jackson, Van Winkle	455	251
Paul Truitt (Rankin County)	169	127
Byram (Hinds County)	112	85
April 23, 1950		
McComb, First	618	132
Sardis	242	133
Yazoo City, First	338	62
South McComb	254	51
Mission	38	
Hebron (Jones County)	92	109
Smithdale, Calvary	103	77
Union (Alcorn County)	85	114
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	53	60
Goss	138	122

compared our lives to a mirror and challenged each one present to keep his mirror flawless, so as to reflect the beauty of Jesus.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by BRACY CAMPBELL
May 7

HOSEA, THE MAN AND HIS MESSAGE
Scripture Lesson. Hosea.

I. THE PROPHET, A MAN OF GREAT SORROW

The cause of it was in his home. He was married to a woman utterly lacking in moral character, and this he knew from the beginning of his knowledge of her. She deserted him and her children and went out to the practice of promiscuous immorality. The inevitable result to her followed. She sank from one degree of degradation to a lower one until one day Hosea found her in the slave market put up on the auction block to be sold to the highest bidder. He had sought her and having found her, even in this pitiable plight, he bought her and brought her back to his home, where he attempted by a firm but loving discipline to restore her broken life to decency.

Hosea regarded his burden of sorrow over a faithless wife as a burden laid upon him by his God in order that he might the more effectively preach to his people a great message. Such an experience would make of a genuinely religious man an understanding and sympathetic brother to man, a sharer of the heartaches and sorrows of those who have fallen upon the thorns of life.

It enlarged his understanding and deepened the love of his heart: it made him willing for the sake of love to sacrifice to the limit for the sake of the beloved. Hosea came, through his unhappy experience, to understand a bit more clearly the infinite depth and riches of the love of God for His people.

Hosea lived contemporary with Amos in Israel, and with Isaiah and Micah in Judah, and his ministry continued after the first, or Assyrian captivity of the northern kingdom.

Hosea came to clear vision through deep feeling. He passed to yet deeper feeling by reason of the clarity of his vision. He saw to the heart of the great subjects of which he treated, and he did so because in his training for the prophetic ministry his own heart was wrung with anguish.

He who has much to teach and that of deepest meaning must suffer much, and he alone can speak of the deepest things in the economy of God who has sooner or later entered into fellowship with the suffering of God. Hosea passed into the suffering of God through his own suffering, and out of that fellowship of suffering spoke to his people.

II. HOSEA'S MESSAGE

1. THE NATURE OF SIN. While dealing incidentally and quite definitely with certain forms of sin, Hosea was yet more vitally concerned with the deeper notes of sin, the character of it, the nature of it of which specific acts were but symptoms. Remember that the prophet was speaking to the chosen people of God. Are there degrees of sin. If sin is black, if any sin, every sin is black, how can any sin be blacker? Let us try to see.

When a man chooses in his own life as between the little and the great in the matter of sin, he is doing that for which he has no warrant in the Word of God. On the other hand, when we compare the sin of one man with the sin of another, though the sinful acts they perform may be identical, the sin of the one may be greater or less than the sin of the other. What makes the difference? Light! The measure of light creates the degree of sin. In the proportion that men have light their sin becomes the more sinful. This is the per-

petual principle revealed through all the scriptures.

Men and nations are judged here according to the light they have had. God had chosen the people of Israel as His own in a very peculiar way, and had lent them His presence and given them His word, so that they knew to do good and that this knowledge had been given them because God loved them, and they had deliberately sinned against this light. Their sin was greater than that of lesser tribes without the law. Sin is disregard of light. The sin of Israel was sin against the light of the greatest love, and that is the most heinous form of sin.

2. JUDGEMENT. Hosea with determined insistence emphasized the fact that judgement is the necessary result of sin. He declares that judgement unto condemnation must fall upon the sinning people in awful force and completeness, and positively affirmed that they had no right to expect to be excused. Sin is never excused in the case of anybody: it must be paid for by somebody somewhere.

3. LOVE. This is the clearest and most precious note in all Hosea's prophetic song. God sent Hosea down to the slave market to purchase his sinning wife and bring her back into seclusion for a while and finally back into the honored place as wife and mother. As through the suffering caused by the infidelity of Gomer, his wife, Hosea en-

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- May 8—G. A. Focus Week; Southern Baptist WMU Convention, Chicago, May 8.
 - May 9—Southern Baptist Convention, May 9-12.
 - May 10—Miss Annabelle Koonce, Mississippi College librarian; Mrs. George W. Riley, State WMU Parliamentarian.
 - May 11—E. L. Morgan, Clarke College trustee; Dr. M. L. Flynt, State Brotherhood president.
 - May 12—L. L. Denson, Leake County Convention Board member; Mrs. Jean Miller Phillips, Supervisor, Baptist Hospital.
 - May 13—Woman's College endowment Campaign; Dr. Russell Bush, District 14, Training Union President.
 - May 14—Central Music School, Pike county.

tered into understanding of the sinfulness, the awful wickedness, the heartless cruelty of sin; so by God's command Hosea entered into understanding of the love of God for Israel in spite of Israel's sin.

Hosea's message concerning the nature of sin as disregard of light, of judgement as sure to fall upon the sinner, of love as that attribute of God against which men sin most often leaves us with no other possible conclusion than that this world needs Hosea's message today as rarely before.

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There Is A Great Day Coming! June 11!

By DR. MERRILL D. MOORE

A Great Day! The twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the Co-operative Program, set by State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention action for observance on June 11, 1950, or nearest convenient Sunday.

The Purpose of the Day: (1) **Thanksgiving** to express gratitude to God for His blessings poured out upon Southern Baptists, and for the progress we have been able to make because of the Co-operative Program, and the contributions it has made; (3) **Inspiration**—to motivate our people to give undivided loyalty and support to the Co-operative Program plans; (4) **Offering**—to bring a love gift which will commemorate the birthday, honor Christ, and provide the advance of His work through the Co-operative Program.

Observe the Day: For the sake of your people, who need to know more about the Co-operative Program, and what their larger support of it will accomplish. Lead them to greater missionary achievement through the observance of this day.

Take the Offering: For the sake of this very special occasion, for the sake of the people and a deepened missionary interest, for the sake of every State cause, for the sake of every Southern Baptist cause, for the sake of Foreign Mission advance. This is an authorized supplemental offering this year and is a part of the program, just as the Home and Foreign Missionary offering, the Lottie Moon offering, etc. are.

Stand Up and Be Counted for the Co-operative Program on Co-operative Program Day.

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Convention Theme Produces Poem

Oklahoma City, Okla.—(BP)—The theme for the Chicago Southern Baptist Convention is "Freedom's Holy Light," from the last stanza of the song, "America." It is catching the imagination of Baptists everywhere, according to Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman of the program committee for the convention. One Baptist, Elizabeth Terry, Cameron, MHo., has adapted a poem based on the theme and the song:

For freedom's holy light
We pray, O God, tonight
For all this world.
Let every person share
Freedom so bright and fair,
O God, let no one dare
To make men slaves.
God's world should all be free,
A world of liberty
Then all could sing:
A world where peace has come
Where righteousness has won
And where God's will is done
From sea to sea.
Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our world be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

Music Week At Ridgecrest

The Department of Church Music of the Sunday School Board announces its faculty for the Tenth Convention-wide Church Music Conference to be held in Ridgecrest, N. C., August 24-30. The conference, open to all church musicians and leaders, is under the direction of Dr. B. B. McKinney, with Dr. W. Hines Sims serving as associates.

A feature of this year's conference, in addition to the three choirs, demonstration groups, and classes in theory, voice, organ, piano, service planning, choral techniques, and church music education, will be the presentation of Handel's Messiah on the evening of August 30, conducted by Warren M. Angell.

The faculty includes Warren M. Angell, Dean of Music, Oklahoma Baptist University; L. C. Alexander, director of Church Music for Louisiana; Mrs. J. N. Clancy, Director of Music, Ingleside Church, Shreveport, Louisiana; John J. Hamilton, Pastor, Covington Church, Covington, Va.; L. Bruce Jones, Minister of Music, First Church, Baton Rouge, La., and Director Band, Louisiana State University; W. Plunkett Martin, Director, School of Sacred Music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Mrs. B. W. Ninger, Director of Church Music for Arkansas; Ira C. Prosser, Director of Church Music for Oklahoma; Eugene F. Quinn, Director of Church Music for Illinois; William J. Reynolds, Minister of Music, First Church, Oklahoma City; Dupre Rhame, Professor of Voice, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; J. D. Riddle, Director of Church Music for Texas; Samuel W. Shanko, Organist, First Church, Florence, S. C.; J. D. Grey, Conference Pastor, Pastor, First Church, New Orleans.

Reservations should be made immediately by writing Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and enclosing \$2.00 registration fee.

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SIX KENTUCKY INSTITUTIONS of higher learning have voted to admit negro students. The Kentucky law has been amended to allow negro students in graduate schools.



Shown above is Miss Jennie Stevens, Canton, whose gifts to Blue Mountain College made possible the erection of the new dormitory which will be dedicated Saturday afternoon. The dormitory will be known as Jennie Stevens Hall.



Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd F. Garrett, Corinth, whose gift to Blue Mountain College made possible the erection of Garrett Hall of Fine Arts, the facilities of which will be used by the music department of the college, with some facilities for speech arts. The building will be dedicated at 2:00 p. m. Saturday.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

PAUL TRUITT MEMORIAL

While Pastor Grady Smith was assisting in a revival meeting at Center Ridge Church, Yazoo County, we had the privilege of making our first visit to Paul Truitt Memorial Church, which is located in Rankin county between Jackson and Brandon.

Paul Truitt Memorial has the distinction of having more enrolled in Sunday School than they have church members. Few churches can make that claim. The enrollment in the Training Union is slightly less than the total number of members but far above the average. This church is also one of the few churches that we have visited that has almost as many for the night service as they do for the morning service.

Rankin County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 40; Barefoot, 21; Bethel, 21; Brandon, 85; Briar Hill, 52; Cato, 42; Clear Branch, 50; Concord, 36; County Line, 40; East Side, 49; Fannin, 17; Gallie, 2; Hickory Ridge, 35; Johns Church, 29; Leesburg, 68; Liberty, 22; Cross Roads, 44; Mountain Creek, 25; Mt. Pisgah, 42; Oakdale, 55; Paul Truitt Memorial, 70; Pearl City, 43; Pearson, 22; Pelahatchie, 77; Puckett, 42; Rehobeth, 28; Richland, 98; Rock Bluff, 26; Rock Hill, 18, Star, 46; Steen's Creek, 115; Union 30.

MT. CREEK CHURCH GREENVILLE, S. C.

Killing two birds with one stone, we stopped off at Greenville, South Carolina, while en route to the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press at Syracuse, New York, and assisted a Mississippian, Rev. J. B. Ray in a revival meeting at Mountain Creek Church, Greenville.

We have heard about the appetites of preachers and the feeding of preachers, but the people there have evidently taken a post graduate course. It was not unusual to have from three to five items for desert after a meal fit for a king.

Under Pastor Ray's leadership the church has recently erected an educational building. Its value is approximately \$40,000. It cost the church less than that because of much contributed labor.

A Land Report

Thanks to our Lord and the churches, the year which has just closed has been an exceedingly busy one for me, particularly the last six months. Our churches and pastors have kept me busy in the field of stewardship, tithing and church finance. My meetings have taken me into a number of states, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Illinois, Oklahoma, et cetera.

In these revivals I have touched nearly all types of churches from the small half-time country church to the large city church—the smallest with a membership of eighty-three and the largest an enrolment of four thousand. I directed simultaneous, associational campaigns in Illinois.

I have seen some wonderful things happen as a result of these revivals. Weak, struggling part-time churches receiving a subsidy from the state board have gone to a full time program with a pastor on the field receiving a living wage, mission receipts have been doubled, the fires of evangelism rekindled and the finances doubled and in some instances quadrupled.

A very interesting thing, but one to be expected, is that the results have been the same in all kinds of churches. This only points up the fact that God's plan "tithes and offering," works anywhere and under any conditions.

I am now using the first lull I have had since the middle of last September to do some much needed writing. I have two books, the first printings of which have been exhausted, that must be revised, and prepared for another printing. Also, I have another in mind which I hope to get around to before the end of the year.

I have a few weeks open during the summer. I should be happy to give at least some of these to my native Mississippi if my brethren want to use me in evangelist meetings, stewardship revivals, supply work, or Bible conferences. I may be reached at Box 6205, Parkway Station, Jackson, Mississippi or telephone 5-4116.—B. C. Land.

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